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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This publication contains estimates relating to persons in the civilian labour force and to those persons not in the labour force for New South Wales and regions of New South Wales. The estimates have been derived from the labour force survey component of the monthly population survey, which is conducted on a sample basis throughout Australia.

2. Statistics similar to those contained in Tables 1, 4 and 14 of this publication are published each month, as they become available, in Monthly Summary of Statistics (1305.1) which is available, on request, from this Office. Other data contained in this publication are also available each month (except for (a) the occupation and industry details and status of worker for employed persons, which are available only on a quarterly basis; and (b) regional estimates, which although available each month will be released only on a quarterly basis). In addition, other unpublished data may also be available. These data, if required each month as they become available, may be obtained from this Office.

3. The monthly population survey. This survey consists of the monthly labour force survey and in most months one or more supplementary survey topics. From February 1978, the survey has been conducted each month. Previously the survey was conducted in February, May, August, and November of each year. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

4. Survey sample. The monthly population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about one-half of one per cent of the population of New South Wales. The survey sample is reselected after each quinquennial Census of Population and Housing. The reselected sample of dwellings based on 1981 Census of Population and Housing results was introduced in the October 1982 survey. Information on sample design and selection is given in the Technical Note in The Labour Force, Australia, 1978 (6204.0).

5. Population benchmarks. Labour force survey estimates of persons employed, unemployed and not in the labour force shown in this publication for New South Wales, Sydney Statistical Division and Balance of New South Wales are calculated in such a way as to add up to the independently estimated distribution of the population aged 15 and over by age and sex. This procedure compensates for underenumeration in the survey, and leads to more reliable estimates. The independent population statistics (benchmarks) are the latest available estimates at the time the labour force survey is conducted, but they usually differ from the official State level population estimates subsequently published in Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) because they are necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes. Regular estimates of population at the regional level are, however, not available. Consequently, the use of benchmarks in estimating the regional data available from this survey is not possible. For this reason, estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over are not made available at the regional level.

6. Revision of series. Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and overseas and internal migration. Revisions are made, however, after each census of population and housing, and when population estimation bases are reviewed. Labour force survey estimates back to February 1978 have been recalculated to conform to revised population estimates which take account of the 1981 Census of Population and Housing. Revised estimates back to February 1978, similar to those shown in Table 1, were published in an Appendix to the February 1984 issue of this publication. In addition, following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census of Population and Housing, the population benchmarks used in the derivation of labour force survey estimates are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates, see Information Paper - Population Estimates: An Outline of the New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates (3216.0). To coordinate with the new benchmarks, the labour force survey questionnaire was changed in October 1982 to

enable identification of each respondent's place of usual residence. The estimates shown in this publication from October 1982 onwards are thus wholly according to place of usual residence. Prior to October 1982, the estimates are based on a combination of place of enumeration and place of usual residence.

7. Scope. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over, except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces;
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (c) overseas residents in Australia; and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants), stationed in Australia.

8. Labour force concepts and definitions.

(a) The concepts and definitions used in the labour force survey conform closely to those recommended by the International Labour Organisation. The labour force comprises all persons in scope who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed as defined in Explanatory Notes 8(b) and 8(c) below. The survey week comprises the seven days preceding the interview week (see Explanatory Note 3 above). The activities of persons in this period of reference are used in determining the classification of those who are employed. In addition to this week, the 3 weeks preceding it are also considered in identifying the unemployed. More detailed definitions of these two groups follow.

(b) Employed persons.

- i. These comprise all civilians aged 15 and over who, during the survey week:
 - worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind (including employees, employers and self-employed persons) in a job or business, or on a farm; or
 - worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
 - were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down

without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

ii. These employed persons can be classified into:

- full-time workers (i.e. those who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week); and
- part-time workers (i.e. those who usually work less than 35 hours a week, and who did so during the survey week).

Persons who held more than one job are counted only once - in the job in which they worked most hours during the survey week.

(c) Unemployed persons comprise all civilians aged 15 and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- i. had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:
 - were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
 - were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week, and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

- ii. were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

- (d) Actively looking for work includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service notice boards; being

registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

Note. The figures shown in this publication for the number of persons unemployed should not be confused with those issued by the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. These latter figures represent the number of persons registered as unemployed awaiting placement with the Commonwealth Employment Service.

(e) Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed', as defined above. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoria, etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

(f) Duration of unemployment is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Thus the survey measures the duration of current spells of unemployment rather than completed spells. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. Average (mean) duration is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

(g) Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation. Unemployed persons who had worked full-time for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry and occupation of their most recent full-time job.

(h) Marital status. In the labour force survey, persons are classified as married or not married. Marital status is determined from information supplied by the respondent about the individual concerned and, where the person was reported as being married, about the living arrangements of persons usually resident in the household. Marital status does not therefore necessarily reflect legal status. Persons are classified as married if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual

resident of the household at the time of the survey. The not married category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. Persons who live in a de facto relationship but who do not volunteer this information when asked whether they are married are classified as not married. In conjunction with the revision of estimates back to February 1978 to conform to revised population estimates (see Explanatory Note 6 above), the new definition of marital status outlined above was adopted. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published before the February 1984 issue of this publication. This revision to the marital status classification has been undertaken in two parts. Firstly, for all surveys from February 1978, persons who reported that they were separated, were reclassified as not married (previously included as married). Secondly, from June 1983 onwards, in addition to including persons reported as separated, the not married category includes persons, who although reported as married, did not, at the time of the survey, have a spouse who was a usual resident of the household.

(i) Family status. The family relationship of all persons included in the labour force survey is determined each month, except for:

- i. all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings;
- ii. persons enumerated as visitors to private dwellings; and
- iii. those families enumerated in private dwellings for which it was not possible to obtain information relating to all the usual residents (i.e. families which include a member of the permanent defence forces and families which have one or more of their members away from the usual residence at the time of the survey).

Generally, family status is determined for more than ninety per cent of the civilian population aged 15 and over. A family is defined as consisting of two or more related persons usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head (as defined below) together with any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- i. sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- ii. other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or
- iii. any children under the age of 15 who do not have a parent present.

A family can contain no more than two married persons and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife (referred to as married-couple families). Other families are families other than married-couple families and comprise one-parent families or other groups of related persons. The family head of an other family is the parent in one-parent families and, in the case of other groups of related persons, generally the eldest person in the family. No family head is defined for a married-couple family. Persons are defined as not a member of a family if they are not related to any other member of the household in which they are living. A person is considered to be living alone if he or she is the sole member of a household. The term relationship includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption.

9. Industry classification. The classification of industry is in accordance with the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) described in Australian Standard Industrial Classification, Vol. 1 - The Classification (1983 Edition) (1201.0).

10. Occupation classification. The classification of occupation is in accordance with the Classification and Classified List of Occupations, Australia (Revised, June 1981) (1206.0).

11. Regions of New South Wales. The regions used in this publication are standard ABS Statistical Divisions, Subdivisions or Districts (see map inside back cover, and the Appendix for a list of local government areas in each of these regions), or combinations of these, and as such do not necessarily correspond with regions adopted by other government authorities. The regions were determined in consultation with major users of the estimates, taking into account the constraints imposed by the structure of the sample design and the need to present reliable statistics (i.e. those not subject to high sampling variability). Two sets of regions are used to present the results. The twelve regions used in Table 13 and Tables 16 to 27 provide summary estimates only, while the five major

regions used in Tables 28 to 37 allow the presentation of more detailed estimates. While further unpublished details may be available for the regions adopted in this publication, estimates for different regions will not be provided. The Sydney Statistical Division is predominantly urban in character - and its boundary was re-delineated in 1976 to embrace the area expected to contain the urban development of Sydney (and associated smaller urban centres) for a period of at least twenty years. This area covers the same area as the 'Sydney Region', as delineated by the State Planning Authority (now the Department of Environment and Planning) in its publication Sydney Region, 1970-2000 A.D., Outline Plan.

12. Reliability of the estimates. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they, and the movements derived from them, may differ from figures that would have been obtained if the information had been collected from occupants of all dwellings (using the same questionnaire and interviewing procedures). One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. In addition, as noted in Explanatory Note 5 above, the use of benchmarks in the compilation of regional estimates is not possible. For this reason, users should note that regional estimates may be more volatile than corresponding State estimates and thus should not be regarded as reliable indicators of short term (monthly) movements. A Technical Note, showing the likely standard errors relating to sample estimates, is shown at the end of this publication.

13. Related publications

(a) Users may also wish to refer to the following related publications which are available on request:

Information Paper on the Sources of Labour Statistics (6101.1)

The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary Estimates) (6202.0) Issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) Issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia, 1981 (6204.0)

Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment, Australia, 1966-1983 (6246.0)

Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0) issued quarterly

Information Paper: Release of Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0)

Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings (6263.0)

(b) In addition to the regular demographic and labour force characteristics which are contained in some of the above publications, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force and of other subjects are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys are published separately. A complete list of these survey topics and their related publications is available on request to this

Office. A list of the more recent releases on labour force and related topics is also contained in the The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) each month. Copies of publications containing supplementary and special survey information are available on request.

(c) Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.

14. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published (see Explanatory Notes 2 and 11).

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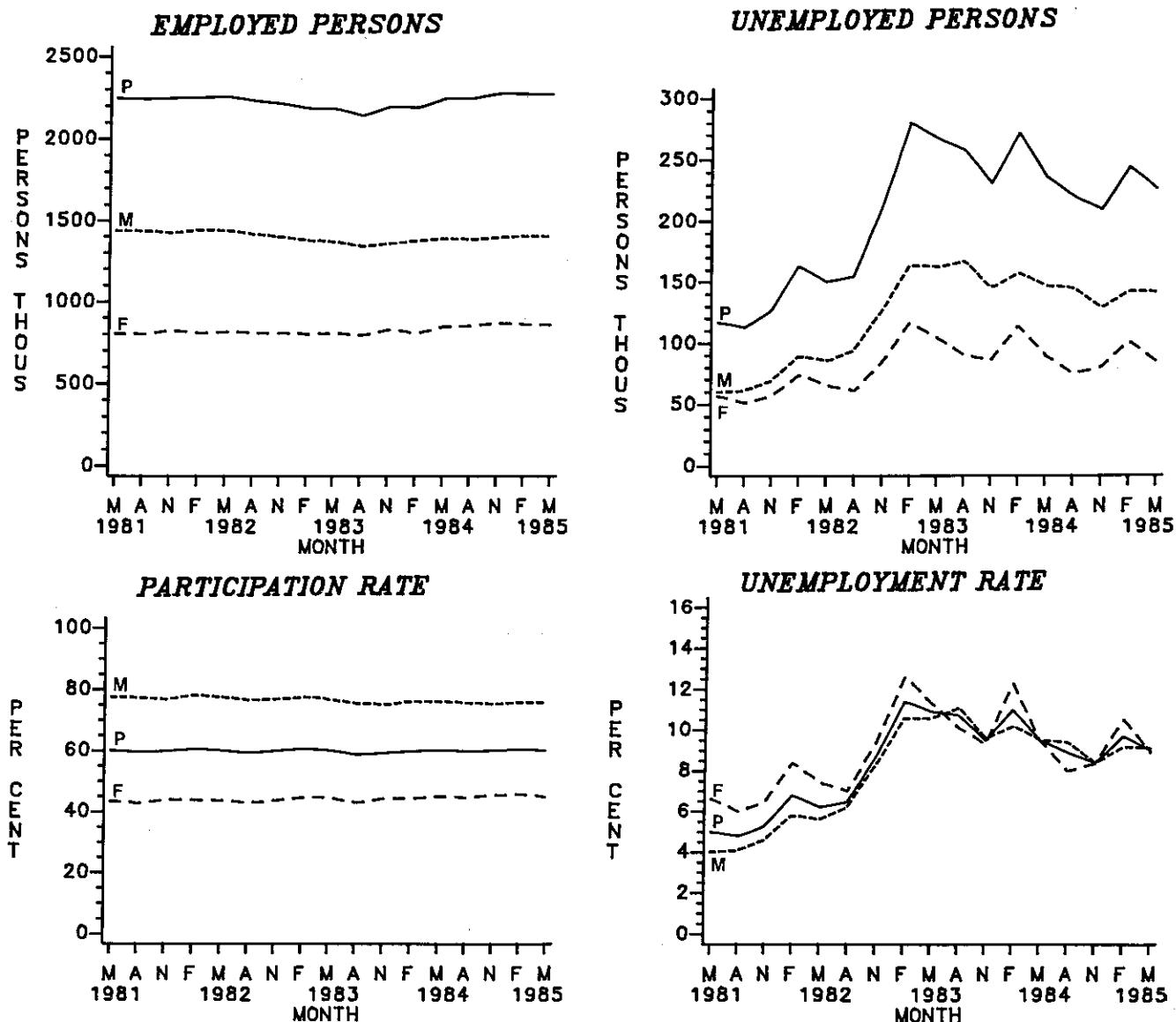
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DIAGRAM 1: NEW SOUTH WALES



NEW SOUTH WALES

- In May 1985, there were an estimated 2,500,000 persons (1,548,600 males and 951,400 females) in the civilian labour force in New South Wales, of whom 2,273,900 (1,407,000 males and 866,900 females) were employed and 226,100 (141,600 males and 84,600 females) were unemployed (see Table 1).
- In May 1985, the labour force participation rate was 60.1 per cent (males 75.8, married females 43.0 and all females 44.9) and the unemployment rate 9.0 per cent (males 9.1, married females 5.4 and all females 8.9) (see Table 1).
- From February 1985 to May 1985, the number of persons unemployed decreased by 17,700 (including 16,700 females), decreasing the unemployment rate from 9.7 per cent to 9.0 per cent. This decrease was mainly attributable to less persons looking for full-time work, which decreased by 16,100 persons. The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 2,273,900 which was little different to the number of persons employed in February 1985 of 2,274,700. (See Table 1.)
- The number of persons unemployed in May 1985 (226,100) was slightly lower than in May 1984 (235,800), and the unemployment rate decreased from 9.5 to 9.0 per cent. Over the same period, the number of employed persons increased by 25,700 (15,400 males and 10,300 females). (See Table 1.)

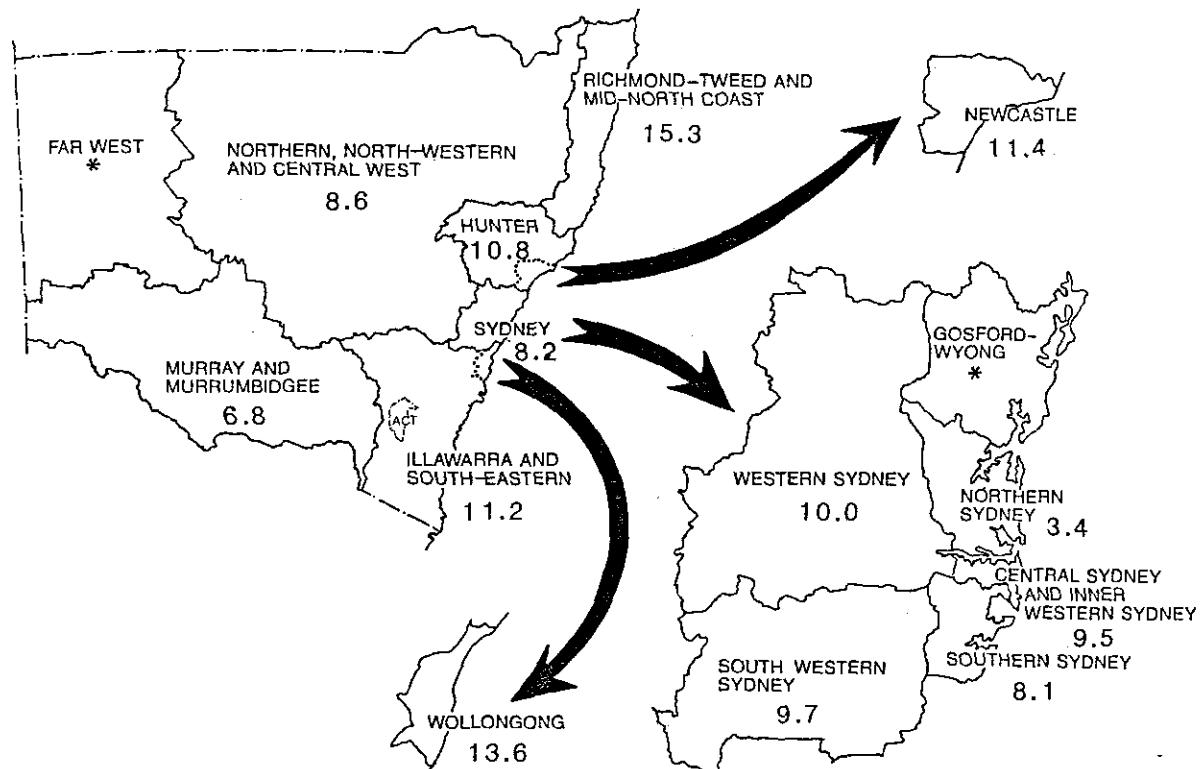
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

NEW SOUTH WALES (continued)

- The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 to 19 was 20.5 per cent in May 1985 compared with 26.0 per cent in February 1985 and 22.9 per cent in May 1984 (see Table 9).
- The average duration of unemployment for unemployed persons was 57.7 weeks in May 1985 compared with 48.5 weeks in February 1985 and 47.7 weeks in May 1984 (see Table 11).
- From May 1984 to May 1985, the unemployment rate for persons born in Australia remained consistently below that for persons born outside Australia. In May 1985, the unemployment rate for persons born in Australia was 8.7 per cent and for persons born outside Australia 10.1 per cent (8.7 and 11.7 per cent respectively in May 1984). (See Table 12.)

DIAGRAM 2: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, MAY 1985

(per cent)



REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

- In the quarter ending May 1985, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in the combined Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Divisions, reaching 16.5 per cent in March 1985 and 15.3 per cent in May 1985. The next highest unemployment rates throughout the quarter were recorded in Wollongong Statistical District (peaking at 14.4 per cent in April 1985) and Newcastle Statistical District (peaking at 12.2 per cent in March 1985). In the quarter ending May 1985, the lowest unemployment rate (3.4 per cent in May 1985) was recorded in Northern Sydney Subdivision. (See Table 13.)
- From February 1985 to May 1985, Newcastle Statistical District alone recorded an apparent movement in the number of persons employed, which increased by 5,300 persons. However, from May 1984 to May 1985, five regions recorded apparent movements in the number of persons employed, with Northern Sydney Subdivision, Newcastle Statistical District and combined Northern, North-Western and Central-West Statistical Divisions recording increases while combined Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Divisions and combined Murray and Murrumbidgee Statistical Divisions recorded decreases. From February 1985 to May 1985, five regions recorded decreases in the number of persons unemployed while from May 1984 to May 1985, two regions recorded decreases. (See Tables 16 to 27.)

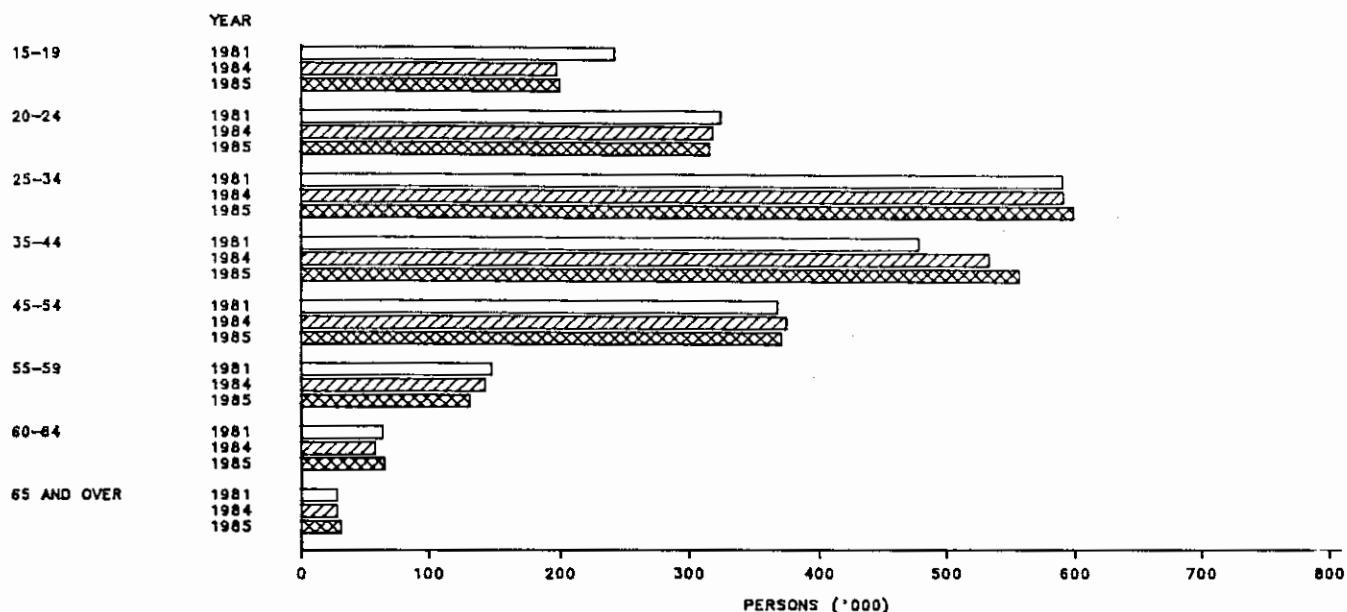
TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, N.S.W.

Month	Employed		Unemployed			Civilian			Partici- pation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full- time workers	Total ('000)	Looking for full- time work ('000)	Total ('000)	Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	popu- lation aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemp- loyment rate (a) (per cent)	
MALES									
1981: May	1,355.0	1,437.3	54.0	60.1	1,497.4	431.9	1,929.4	4.0	77.6
1982: May	1,360.5	1,434.0	78.3	85.1	1,519.2	445.1	1,964.3	5.6	77.3
1983: May	1,272.6	1,367.0	154.3	162.3	1,529.3	463.5	1,992.9	10.6	76.7
1984: March	1,313.1	1,398.7	143.8	151.8	1,550.5	465.9	2,016.3	9.8	76.9
April	1,304.4	1,394.0	136.4	142.0	1,536.1	482.6	2,018.7	9.2	76.1
May	1,306.1	1,391.6	136.5	146.2	1,537.8	482.9	2,020.7	9.5	76.1
June	1,311.7	1,393.4	134.0	142.1	1,535.4	487.2	2,022.6	9.3	75.9
July	1,318.2	1,405.3	125.3	130.7	1,536.0	488.4	2,024.4	8.5	75.9
August	1,298.5	1,386.6	137.1	144.4	1,531.0	495.2	2,026.2	9.4	75.6
September	1,316.1	1,402.8	129.5	137.7	1,540.5	487.5	2,028.0	8.9	76.0
October	1,313.8	1,405.4	121.8	129.1	1,534.6	495.3	2,029.9	8.4	75.6
November	1,313.8	1,400.6	122.6	128.6	1,529.2	502.7	2,031.9	8.4	75.3
December	1,326.6	1,410.5	128.6	134.5	1,545.0	488.9	2,033.9	8.7	76.0
1985: January	1,312.1	1,394.4	140.0	146.9	1,541.3	494.5	2,035.8	9.5	75.7
February	1,317.9	1,406.6	137.4	142.4	1,549.1	488.6	2,037.7	9.2	76.0
March	1,327.7	1,413.7	140.1	146.9	1,560.6	478.9	2,039.5	9.4	76.5
April	1,314.0	1,400.7	129.4	134.4	1,535.1	506.3	2,041.4	8.8	75.2
May	1,323.0	1,407.0	132.4	141.6	1,548.6	495.1	2,043.6	9.1	75.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
1981: May	267.3	471.3	14.8	25.8	497.1	712.5	1,209.7	5.2	41.1
1982: May	273.0	472.7	13.7	24.7	497.4	712.3	1,209.7	5.0	41.1
1983: May	276.5	476.3	25.0	39.2	515.6	718.8	1,234.3	7.6	41.8
1984: March	277.3	488.2	26.3	41.8	530.0	670.8	1,200.7	7.9	44.1
April	271.6	487.3	25.8	41.0	528.3	679.5	1,207.8	7.8	43.7
May	276.5	498.3	18.9	33.0	531.3	692.7	1,224.0	6.2	43.4
June	282.4	501.1	22.4	36.3	537.4	693.8	1,231.2	6.8	43.7
July	283.8	497.0	20.4	30.8	527.8	698.7	1,226.5	5.8	43.0
August	284.0	500.7	18.8	30.5	531.1	697.0	1,228.2	5.7	43.2
September	292.3	517.4	21.6	35.6	553.0	676.1	1,229.1	6.4	45.0
October	287.3	503.6	19.6	32.8	536.4	690.3	1,226.7	6.1	43.7
November	287.5	511.6	17.8	28.6	540.2	686.0	1,226.1	5.3	44.1
December	294.6	505.6	17.3	28.5	534.0	691.5	1,225.6	5.3	43.6
1985: January	281.9	463.5	17.6	24.9	488.4	729.9	1,218.2	5.1	40.1
February	281.7	500.0	21.6	35.3	535.3	692.4	1,227.7	6.6	43.6
March	295.8	515.8	21.1	36.3	552.1	688.9	1,241.0	6.6	44.5
April	279.5	493.3	18.0	30.3	523.6	706.8	1,230.4	5.8	42.6
May	286.6	503.9	17.6	28.6	532.5	705.1	1,237.7	5.4	43.0

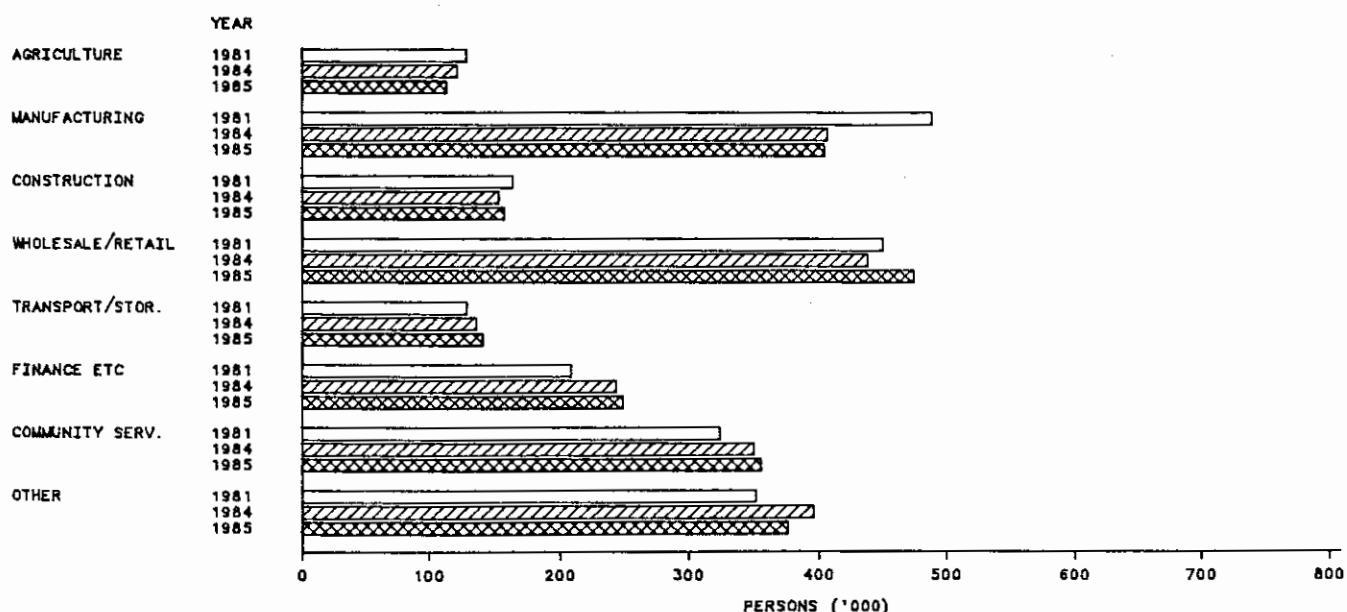
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DIAGRAM 3: EMPLOYED PERSONS, N.S.W., MAY

AGE (SEE TABLE 3)



INDUSTRY (SEE TABLE 4)



OCCUPATION (SEE TABLE 5)

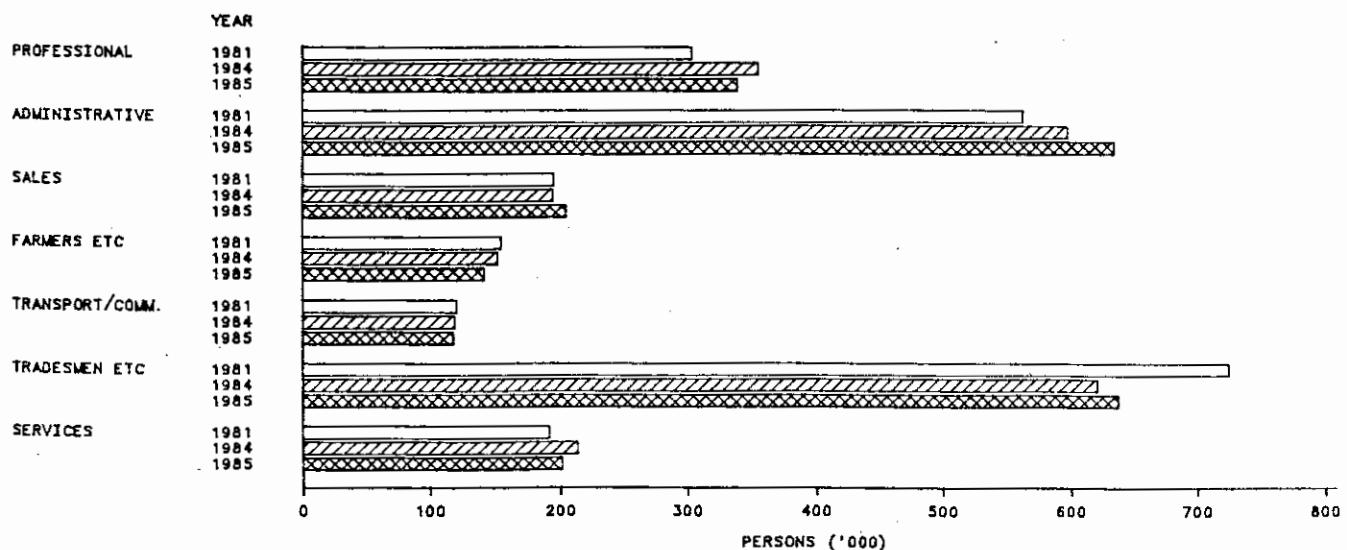


TABLE 3. EMPLOYED PERSONS : AGE GROUP, N.S.W.
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Month	Age group (years)							Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64		
MALES									
1981: May	133.6	185.9	387.0	306.3	244.4	106.1	51.3	22.7	1,437.3
1982: May	122.9	184.7	387.3	315.3	245.7	106.9	50.3	20.7	1,434.0
1983: May	104.8	169.2	373.6	315.6	235.8	101.3	46.7	20.1	1,367.0
1984: March	99.4	175.3	378.2	333.9	238.8	101.9	48.4	22.8	1,398.7
April	98.6	175.4	379.9	330.5	238.0	99.8	49.5	22.4	1,394.0
May	101.5	171.9	376.6	333.8	238.8	102.1	46.0	20.9	1,391.6
1985: February	100.6	175.2	375.5	345.4	237.9	98.0	50.5	23.4	1,406.6
March	98.7	175.6	375.9	346.7	242.0	101.3	49.4	24.1	1,413.7
April	98.9	174.9	378.9	344.2	237.0	96.1	46.6	24.2	1,400.7
May	106.6	171.1	378.0	343.6	242.1	94.3	47.3	23.9	1,407.0
MARRIED FEMALES									
1981: May	*	46.8	143.6	142.1	96.1	28.7	8.2	*	471.3
1982: May	*	48.6	143.1	145.2	94.3	26.0	8.6	4.7	472.7
1983: May	*	43.0	144.7	152.9	95.6	24.0	10.6	*	476.3
1984: March	*	41.3	141.1	159.1	104.7	28.3	9.2	*	488.2
April	*	42.9	138.0	158.7	106.1	28.8	8.5	*	487.3
May	*	47.5	143.7	157.7	106.5	30.0	7.9	*	498.3
1985: February	*	45.7	146.2	169.7	96.5	26.8	9.2	4.3	500.0
March	*	45.6	150.7	175.0	102.9	26.3	9.0	4.2	515.8
April	*	42.7	144.9	168.0	99.0	24.1	9.0	3.7	493.3
May	*	45.1	147.3	173.2	97.7	23.3	10.9	4.2	503.9
ALL FEMALES									
1981: May	108.5	138.8	204.5	173.0	123.8	41.7	13.7	6.4	810.3
1982: May	96.0	146.2	211.1	182.4	124.9	40.4	13.3	8.7	822.8
1983: May	93.5	144.7	209.7	186.0	122.5	36.3	16.8	6.1	815.7
1984: March	91.5	149.0	213.8	197.8	135.0	41.9	14.8	7.8	851.5
April	89.7	148.1	211.6	198.3	135.4	40.7	14.8	8.1	846.6
May	95.8	146.8	215.5	200.1	136.0	41.0	13.1	8.4	856.6
1985: February	91.9	145.0	232.3	206.8	128.9	38.6	16.8	7.8	868.1
March	95.6	143.0	229.7	212.2	133.8	39.5	16.1	7.4	877.4
April	92.5	146.5	220.7	207.4	129.9	36.9	16.6	6.8	857.4
May	92.9	145.0	222.2	213.7	128.9	37.2	19.0	8.0	866.9
PERSONS									
1981: May	242.1	324.6	591.5	479.3	368.2	147.9	65.0	29.1	2,247.7
1982: May	218.9	330.9	598.5	497.7	370.6	147.2	63.6	29.4	2,256.8
1983: May	198.3	313.8	583.3	501.6	358.4	137.6	63.5	26.2	2,182.7
1984: March	190.9	324.2	591.9	531.6	373.9	143.8	63.2	30.6	2,250.2
April	188.2	323.5	591.5	528.7	373.4	140.5	64.3	30.5	2,240.6
May	197.3	318.7	592.1	533.9	374.9	143.1	59.1	29.3	2,248.2
1985: February	192.5	320.2	607.8	552.2	366.9	136.6	67.3	31.2	2,274.7
March	194.3	318.5	605.6	558.9	375.8	140.8	65.5	31.6	2,291.1
April	191.4	321.3	599.6	551.6	366.9	133.0	63.2	31.0	2,258.1
May	199.5	316.2	600.2	557.4	371.0	131.6	66.3	31.8	2,273.9

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : INDUSTRY DIVISION, N.S.W.
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Month	Agri-culture, forestry, fishing and hunting	Manu-fac-tur-ing	Con-struct-ion	Whole-sale and retail trade	Trans-port and storage	Finance, etc.	Community services (b)	Other Indus- tries (c)	Total
MALES									
1981: May	96.5	369.6	148.2	253.6	107.0	113.4	124.8	224.3	1,437.3
1982: May	90.7	351.4	148.0	256.1	109.4	117.0	112.8	248.6	1,434.0
1983: May	97.3	303.8	120.9	254.5	105.9	117.6	122.7	244.2	1,367.0
1984: February	98.1	296.5	127.7	242.2	104.2	125.4	132.6	251.8	1,378.5
May	94.0	302.5	134.9	244.4	111.3	122.7	122.3	259.4	1,391.6
August	93.6	299.7	136.3	243.5	106.4	117.6	134.5	254.9	1,386.6
November	90.2	313.6	135.1	246.2	109.0	119.1	142.5	245.0	1,400.6
1985: February	86.9	294.4	134.7	263.4	114.3	129.0	142.1	241.8	1,406.6
May	81.4	303.9	138.5	267.2	118.5	130.8	134.0	232.5	1,407.0
FEMALES									
1981: May	32.5	119.4	16.5	196.4	22.5	96.0	199.5	127.5	810.3
1982: May	30.2	122.0	14.0	193.5	22.8	106.8	206.6	126.8	822.8
1983: May	28.7	107.7	16.7	196.2	21.4	108.3	210.1	126.7	815.7
1984: February	28.6	107.9	14.2	174.9	22.0	121.6	213.7	129.3	812.3
May	28.3	104.0	19.2	193.9	25.7	121.3	227.7	136.6	856.6
August	29.3	102.9	14.6	194.7	24.5	125.1	242.0	128.5	861.5
November	27.1	102.5	16.1	208.4	23.0	120.1	248.3	132.9	878.2
1985: February	28.1	107.3	17.0	200.2	23.0	117.1	241.9	133.6	868.1
May	32.3	100.1	19.5	207.4	23.2	118.8	221.8	143.8	866.9
PERSONS									
1981: May	129.0	488.9	164.7	450.1	129.4	209.4	324.3	351.8	2,247.7
1982: May	120.9	473.4	162.0	449.6	132.2	223.9	319.4	375.3	2,256.8
1983: May	126.0	411.5	137.6	450.8	127.2	225.9	332.8	370.9	2,182.7
1984: February	126.7	404.4	141.9	417.2	126.2	247.0	346.3	381.1	2,190.8
May	122.3	406.6	154.0	438.3	137.0	244.0	350.0	396.1	2,248.2
August	122.9	402.6	151.0	438.1	130.9	242.7	376.5	383.4	2,248.1
November	117.2	416.1	151.2	454.6	132.0	239.2	390.7	377.9	2,278.8
1985: February	115.0	401.7	151.8	463.6	137.2	246.1	384.0	375.4	2,274.7
May	113.8	404.1	158.0	474.6	141.7	249.7	355.7	376.3	2,273.9

(a) Aged 15 and over. (b) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (c) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal, and Other Services.

TABLE 5. EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP, N.S.W.
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Month	Profess- ional, technical, etc.	Adminis- trative, executive, manager- ial and clerical	Sales	Farmers, fishermen, timber- getters, miners, etc.	Transport and commun- ication	Tradesmen, production process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	Service, sport and recrea- tion	Total
MALES								
1981: May	170.6	239.8	90.7	124.0	102.4	633.8	76.0	1,437.3
1982: May	182.7	243.5	90.9	124.1	107.7	607.9	77.2	1,434.0
1983: May	179.0	242.1	89.7	123.8	97.6	553.0	81.8	1,367.0
1984: February	193.3	246.7	86.6	126.0	98.2	544.2	83.6	1,378.5
May	192.2	252.5	84.1	125.0	102.8	556.9	78.0	1,391.6
August	191.9	253.1	83.8	122.7	100.9	553.0	81.3	1,386.6
November	193.8	256.5	88.7	116.2	107.0	559.1	79.3	1,400.6
1985: February	198.9	257.8	94.3	112.5	108.3	558.2	76.8	1,406.6
May	188.5	267.5	95.7	109.8	101.9	566.4	77.2	1,407.0
FEMALES								
1981: May	132.0	320.4	104.0	30.7	18.3	89.7	115.2	810.3
1982: May	146.0	313.0	108.4	26.9	19.3	84.7	124.6	822.8
1983: May	138.8	332.1	108.2	26.9	15.2	72.9	121.6	815.7
1984: February	150.1	328.9	102.1	28.7	16.2	63.8	122.6	812.3
May	161.0	342.9	110.0	27.0	16.7	63.3	135.8	856.6
August	166.7	350.7	106.9	29.3	13.7	63.5	130.8	861.5
November	167.0	349.6	113.8	26.9	13.7	72.9	134.2	878.2
1985: February	165.6	347.7	104.8	27.0	16.0	68.0	139.0	868.1
May	149.4	364.9	108.8	32.3	16.5	70.5	124.5	866.9
PERSONS								
1981: May	302.6	560.1	194.7	154.7	120.8	723.6	191.2	2,247.7
1982: May	328.8	556.5	199.2	151.0	126.9	692.6	201.8	2,256.8
1983: May	317.8	574.3	198.0	150.6	112.8	625.8	203.5	2,182.7
1984: February	343.3	575.6	188.7	154.8	114.3	608.0	206.2	2,190.8
May	353.2	595.4	194.1	152.0	119.5	620.2	213.8	2,248.2
August	358.6	603.7	190.7	152.0	114.6	616.5	212.0	2,248.1
November	360.8	606.2	202.6	143.2	120.7	632.0	213.5	2,278.8
1985: February	364.4	605.5	199.0	139.4	124.3	626.2	215.8	2,274.7
May	337.9	632.4	204.5	142.1	118.4	636.9	201.7	2,273.9

(a) Aged 15 and over.

TABLE 6. EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, N.S.W.
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Month	Full-time			Part-time			Total employed		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1981: May	1,355.0	539.8	1,894.8	82.3	270.6	352.9	1,437.3	810.3	2,247.7
1982: May	1,360.5	558.2	1,918.8	73.5	264.6	338.1	1,434.0	822.8	2,256.8
1983: May	1,272.6	548.9	1,821.5	94.4	266.8	361.2	1,367.0	815.7	2,182.7
1984: March	1,313.1	563.8	1,876.9	85.6	287.7	373.3	1,398.7	851.5	2,250.2
April	1,304.4	553.1	1,857.6	89.6	293.4	383.0	1,394.0	846.6	2,240.6
May	1,306.1	555.3	1,861.4	85.5	301.3	386.8	1,391.6	856.6	2,248.2
1985: February	1,317.9	578.3	1,896.2	88.8	289.8	378.5	1,406.6	868.1	2,274.7
March	1,327.7	581.3	1,909.0	86.0	296.1	382.1	1,413.7	877.4	2,291.1
April	1,314.0	570.5	1,884.5	86.8	286.9	373.6	1,400.7	857.4	2,258.1
May	1,323.0	575.5	1,898.5	84.0	291.3	375.3	1,407.0	866.9	2,273.9

(a) Aged 15 and over.

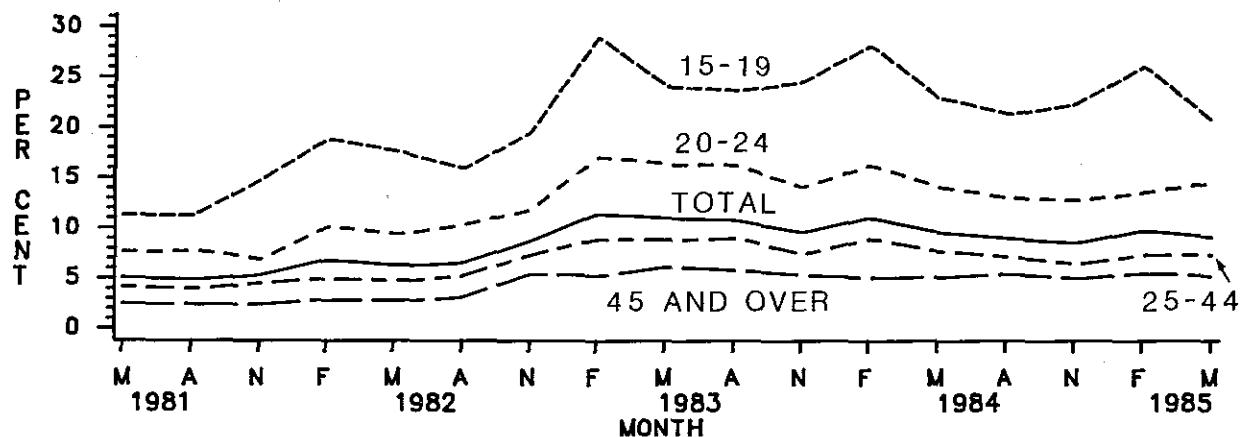
TABLE 7. EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : STATUS OF WORKER, N.S.W.
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Month	Wage and salary earners			Employers and self-employed			Total (b)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1981: May	1,217.4	718.4	1,935.8	215.4	84.9	300.3	1,437.3	810.3	2,247.7
1982: May	1,211.9	729.0	1,940.9	218.6	89.0	307.6	1,434.0	822.8	2,256.8
1983: May	1,146.0	725.8	1,871.8	215.1	83.4	298.6	1,367.0	815.7	2,182.7
1984: February	1,144.1	722.8	1,866.9	230.3	86.7	316.9	1,378.5	812.3	2,190.8
May	1,164.3	765.1	1,929.4	221.6	87.3	308.9	1,391.6	856.6	2,248.2
August	1,139.2	765.5	1,904.7	243.9	92.4	336.2	1,386.6	861.5	2,248.1
November	1,168.7	781.9	1,950.6	228.4	92.0	320.3	1,400.6	878.2	2,278.8
1985: February	1,171.6	773.8	1,945.4	231.4	91.9	323.2	1,406.6	868.1	2,274.7
May	1,174.0	762.4	1,936.4	230.6	100.0	330.6	1,407.0	866.9	2,273.9

(a) Aged 15 and over. (b) Includes unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more in survey week.

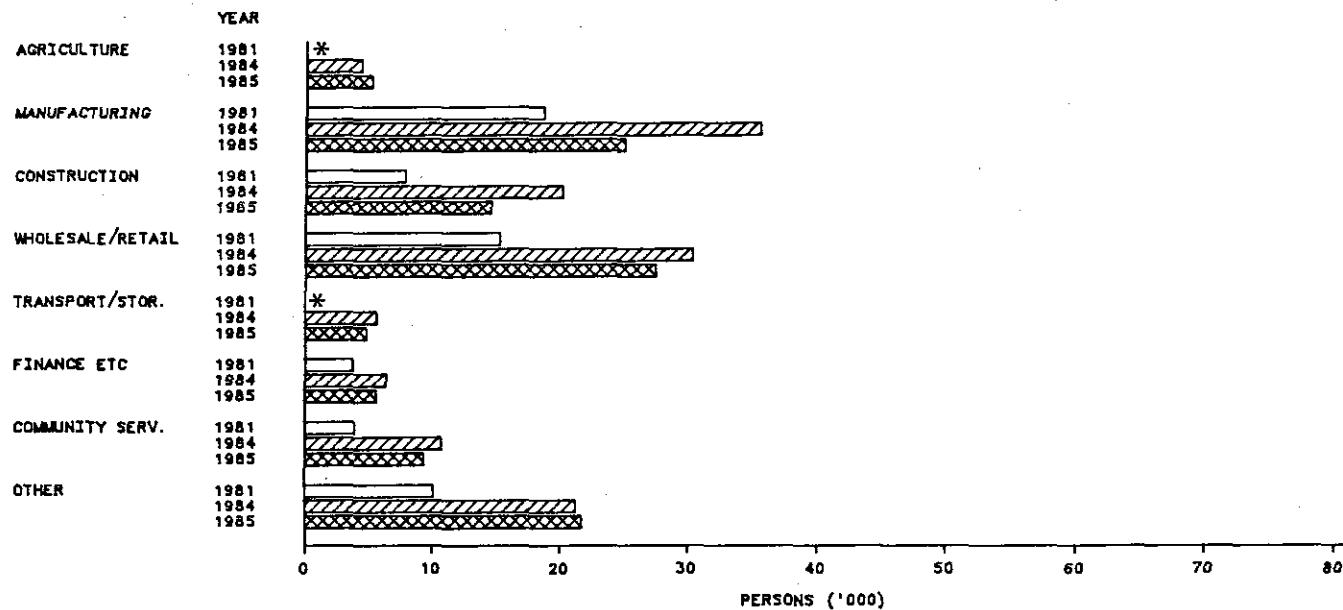
DIAGRAM 4: UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, N.S.W.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND AGE (SEE TABLE 9)

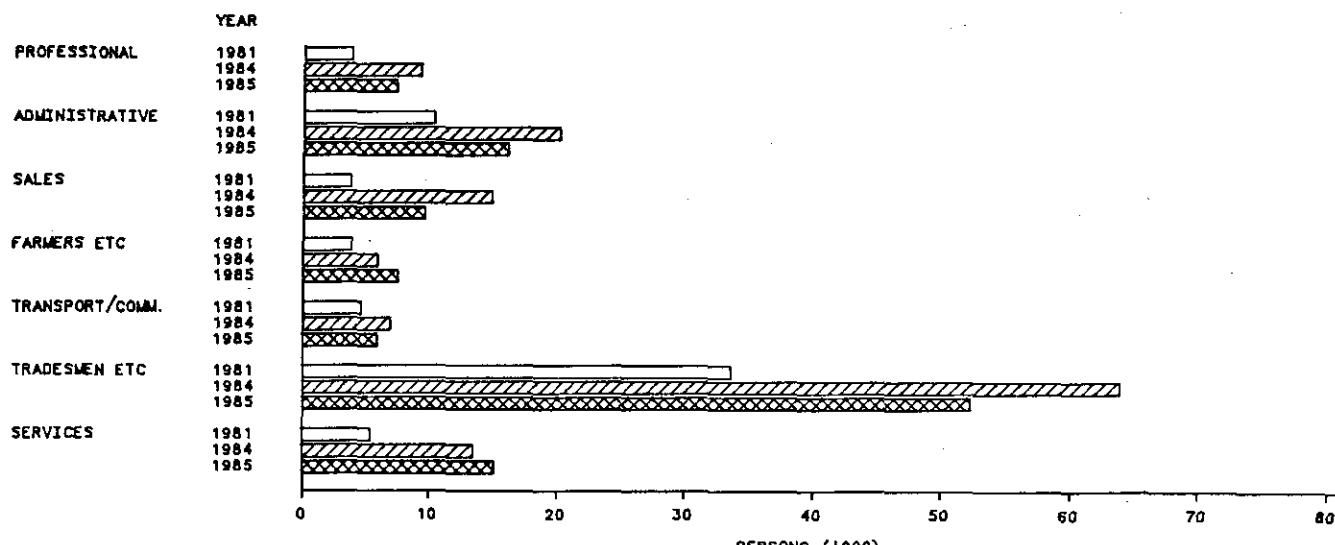


UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO HAD WORKED FOR TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN A FULL-TIME JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, N.S.W., MAY

INDUSTRY (SEE TABLE 10)



OCCUPATION (SEE TABLE 10)



* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AGE GROUP, N.S.W.
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Month	Age group (years)					Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54		
MALES							
1981: May	15.2	13.9	13.7	6.8	5.8	4.6	60.1
1982: May	24.3	21.4	19.4	9.7	5.6	4.7	85.1
1983: May	32.1	41.3	36.9	24.8	15.8	11.5	162.3
1984: March	34.3	33.5	37.9	19.3	13.8	13.1	151.8
April	31.4	33.0	33.2	20.5	13.4	10.7	142.0
May	32.2	32.6	37.6	20.3	13.0	10.6	146.2
1985: February	32.7	30.3	34.8	18.6	15.6	10.6	142.4
March	33.8	30.4	39.9	16.6	14.2	11.9	146.9
April	28.4	28.6	37.0	16.6	12.7	11.1	134.4
May	26.1	32.4	39.7	18.5	11.5	13.3	141.6
FEMALES							
1981: May	15.7	12.6	15.1	9.5	*	*	57.3
1982: May	22.4	12.7	13.0	10.6	5.9	*	65.3
1983: May	30.7	19.7	24.1	18.8	8.0	*	104.3
1984: March	31.8	20.5	26.8	18.3	8.2	*	108.1
April	34.3	20.3	26.3	16.4	7.5	*	107.7
May	26.4	19.2	22.2	12.9	6.9	*	89.6
1985: February	34.8	19.9	20.1	17.6	6.7	*	101.3
March	30.6	21.3	24.4	15.2	5.2	*	99.3
April	26.7	21.8	18.6	12.0	6.0	*	87.9
May	25.2	20.7	19.8	11.6	4.9	*	84.6
PERSONS							
1981: May	30.8	26.5	28.9	16.3	9.0	5.8	117.5
1982: May	46.8	34.1	32.4	20.2	11.6	5.3	150.4
1983: May	62.8	61.0	61.0	43.6	23.8	14.4	266.6
1984: March	66.1	54.0	64.7	37.6	21.9	15.5	259.8
April	65.7	53.3	59.5	36.9	20.9	13.5	249.8
May	58.6	51.8	59.8	33.1	19.8	12.7	235.8
1985: February	67.5	50.1	54.9	36.1	22.3	12.8	243.8
March	64.4	51.7	64.4	31.8	19.4	14.5	246.2
April	55.2	50.4	55.6	28.6	18.6	13.9	222.3
May	51.3	53.2	59.5	30.1	16.3	15.7	226.1

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (a) AND AGE GROUP, N.S.W.
(per cent)

Month	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
1981: May	10.2	7.0	3.4	2.2	2.3	2.5	4.0
1982: May	16.5	10.4	4.8	3.0	2.2	2.6	5.6
1983: May	23.4	19.6	9.0	7.3	6.3	6.4	10.6
1984: March	25.6	16.0	9.1	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.8
April	24.1	15.8	8.0	5.8	5.3	5.8	9.2
May	24.1	15.9	9.1	5.7	5.1	5.9	9.5
1985: February	24.5	14.7	8.5	5.1	6.2	5.8	9.2
March	25.5	14.8	9.6	4.6	5.6	6.3	9.4
April	22.3	14.1	8.9	4.6	5.1	6.2	8.8
May	19.7	15.9	9.5	5.1	4.5	7.4	9.1
FEMALES							
1981: May	12.6	8.3	6.9	5.2	*	*	6.6
1982: May	19.0	8.0	5.8	5.5	4.5	*	7.4
1983: May	24.7	12.0	10.3	9.2	6.1	*	11.3
1984: March	25.8	12.1	11.2	8.5	5.7	*	11.3
April	27.7	12.1	11.1	7.7	5.2	*	11.3
May	21.6	11.5	9.3	6.0	4.8	*	9.5
1985: February	27.5	12.1	8.0	7.8	4.9	*	10.5
March	24.2	12.9	9.6	6.7	3.7	*	10.2
April	22.4	12.9	7.8	5.5	4.4	*	9.3
May	21.4	12.5	8.2	5.1	3.6	*	8.9
PERSONS							
1981: May	11.3	7.6	4.7	3.3	2.4	2.3	5.0
1982: May	17.6	9.3	5.1	3.9	3.0	2.2	6.2
1983: May	24.0	16.3	9.5	8.0	6.2	6.0	10.9
1984: March	25.7	14.3	9.9	6.6	5.5	6.1	10.4
April	25.9	14.1	9.1	6.5	5.3	5.4	10.0
May	22.9	14.0	9.2	5.8	5.0	5.2	9.5
1985: February	26.0	13.5	8.3	6.1	5.7	5.2	9.7
March	24.9	14.0	9.6	5.4	4.9	5.7	9.7
April	22.4	13.5	8.5	4.9	4.8	5.8	9.0
May	20.5	14.4	9.0	5.1	4.2	6.4	9.0

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : INDUSTRY DIVISION AND MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB,
N.S.W.
('000)

Category	May	May	February	May 1985		
	1981	1984	1985	Males	Females	Persons
Persons	Persons	Persons				
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	65.4	134.7	117.7	81.5	32.3	114.0
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	4.4	7.0	4.6	*	5.2
Manufacturing	18.6	35.5	25.3	19.0	6.0	25.1
Construction	7.9	20.1	13.6	14.2	*	14.5
Wholesale and retail trade	15.2	30.3	28.9	17.9	9.6	27.5
Transport and storage	*	5.7	4.3	4.6	*	4.9
Finance, property and business services	3.8	6.5	6.5	*	*	5.7
Community services (b)	4.0	10.8	11.3	3.7	5.7	9.4
Other Industries (c)	10.2	21.3	20.7	14.1	7.7	21.8
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	3.8	9.3	6.8	*	4.0	7.4
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	10.3	20.1	17.4	5.8	10.2	16.0
Sales	3.8	14.8	15.5	5.1	4.6	9.6
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	3.9	6.0	9.0	7.2	*	7.6
Transport and communication	4.7	7.0	6.3	6.0	*	6.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	33.6	64.0	48.7	46.3	5.9	52.3
Service, sport and recreation	5.5	13.5	13.9	7.8	7.2	15.1
Other -						
Looking for first job (d)	17.1	34.9	46.9	16.1	19.3	35.3
Other (e)	32.5	63.6	77.3	43.0	32.0	75.0
Stood down (f)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	117.5	235.8	243.8	141.6	84.6	226.1

(a) Aged 15 and over. (b) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (c) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services. (d) Persons who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job. (e) Persons who had not worked full-time for two weeks or more during the last two years but who had at some time in the past. (f) See Explanatory Note 8 (c) 11.

DIAGRAM 5: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, N.S.W.

(THE DURATION OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF WEEKS A GROUP HAS BEEN UNEMPLOYED BY THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THAT GROUP)

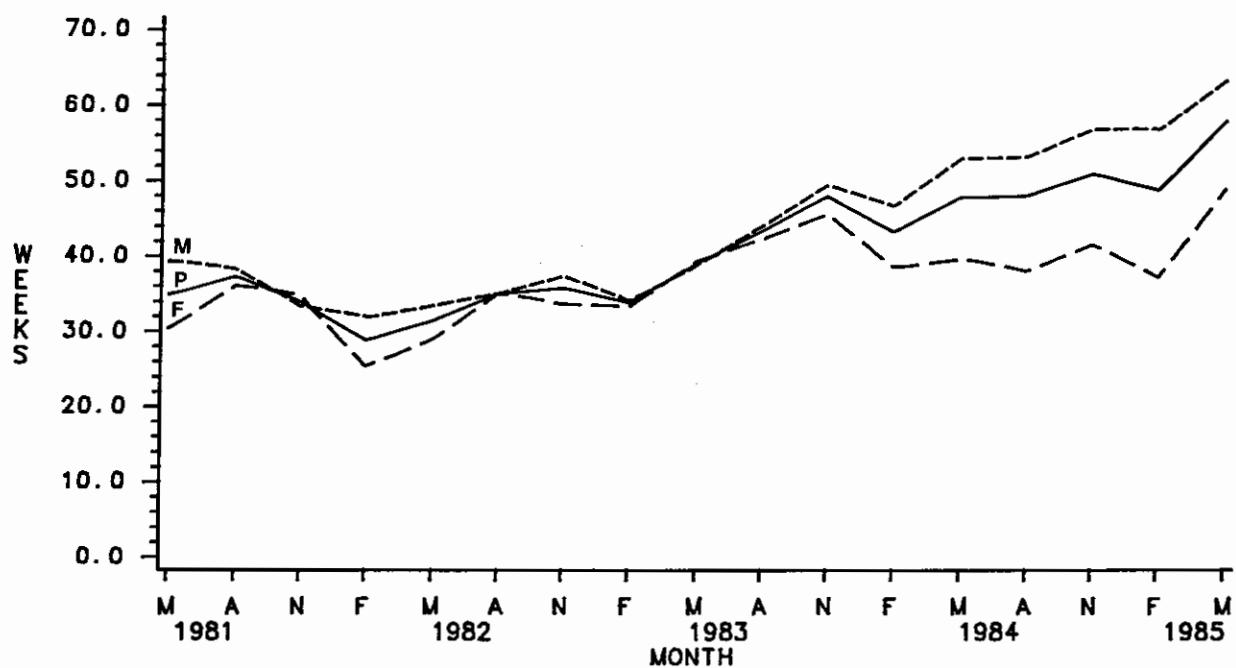


TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), N.S.W.

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	May 1981	May 1984	February 1985	March 1985	April 1985	May 1985		
	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
('000)								
Under 2	12.3	12.0	13.9	12.8	10.3	5.6	5.0	10.6
2 and under 4	13.6	14.0	23.9	19.5	17.0	10.0	4.7	14.7
4 " " 8	16.9	19.0	31.7	32.6	22.7	10.5	6.0	16.5
8 " " 13	14.5	16.9	26.6	30.5	23.9	12.6	6.8	19.4
13 " " 26	21.4	49.8	35.0	36.0	41.4	21.3	22.6	44.0
26 " " 39	11.7	27.2	23.0	23.6	22.5	15.9	8.8	24.7
39 " " 52	*	15.0	9.4	6.8	8.9	5.0	*	7.7
52 " " 104	10.2	45.3	36.0	37.1	31.5	24.8	12.6	37.4
104 and over	14.3	36.8	44.3	47.3	44.2	35.9	15.4	51.3
Total	117.5	235.8	243.8	246.2	222.3	141.6	84.6	226.1
(weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment (c)	34.9	47.7	48.5	52.3	53.0	63.0	48.7	57.7

(a) Aged 15 and over. (b) Period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration of unemployment. (c) Average duration is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

DIAGRAM 6: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND BIRTHPLACE, N.S.W.

(THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE SAME GROUP)

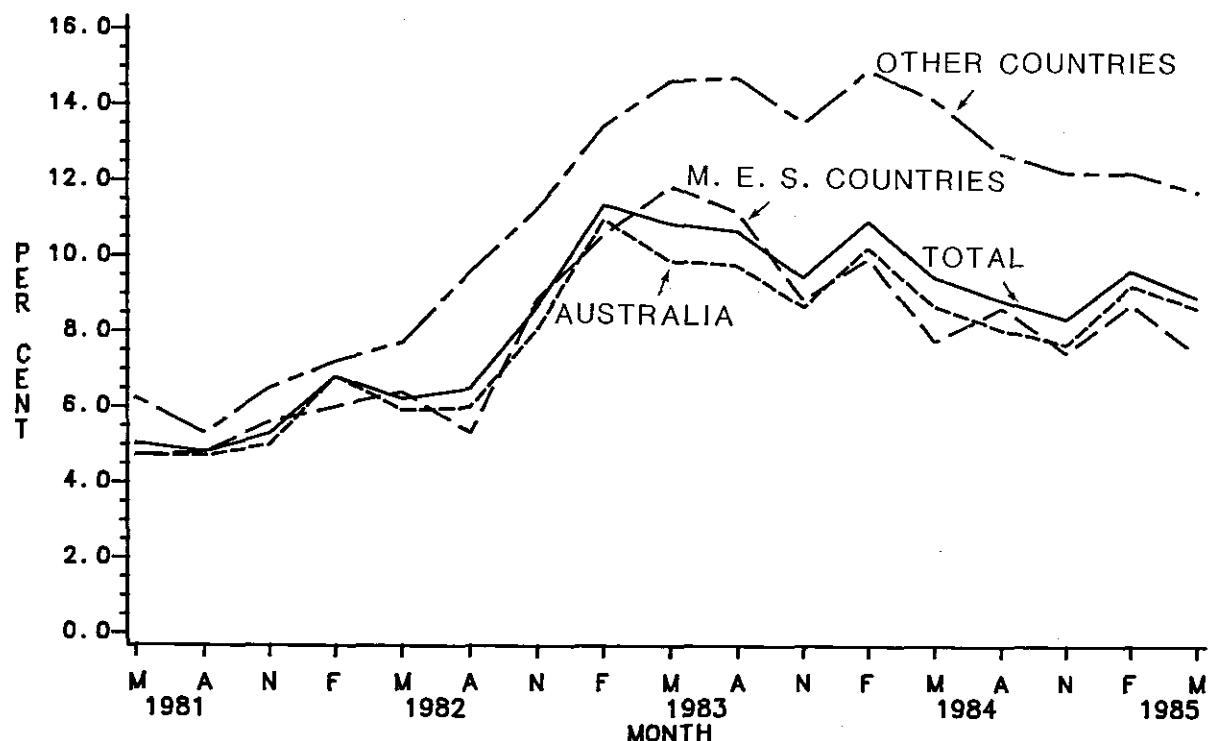


TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b) AND BIRTHPLACE, N.S.W.
(per cent)

Month	Born overseas				Total persons	
	Born in Australia	Main English speaking countries (c)	Other countries	Total, born overseas		
1981: May	4.7	4.7	6.2	5.6	5.0	
1982: May	5.9	6.4	7.7	7.2	6.2	
1983: May	9.9	11.9	14.7	13.6	10.9	
1984: March	9.5	9.2	15.2	12.8	10.4	
April	9.3	8.5	14.7	12.2	10.0	
May	8.7	7.8	14.2	11.7	9.5	
1985: February	9.3	8.8	12.3	10.9	9.7	
March	9.2	8.2	13.1	11.1	9.7	
April	8.7	6.2	12.2	9.8	9.0	
May	8.7	7.5	11.8	10.1	9.0	

(a) Aged 15 and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

TABLE 13. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) : UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b) AND PARTICIPATION RATE (c),
 REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES
 (per cent)

Month	Central						Total, Sydney Statistical Division (d)	Newcastle Statistical District	Hunter Statistical Division (e)
	Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Sub- divisions	Southern Sydney Sub- division	South Western Sydney Sub- division	Western Sydney Sub- division	Northern Sydney Sub- division				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE									
1983: May	12.7	9.7	12.3	11.4	5.9	10.3	12.5	12.4	
1984: March	9.8	9.3	11.8	12.5	5.5	9.9	13.6	12.8	
April	10.9	8.3	10.7	10.6	5.0	9.2	14.4	13.6	
May	10.5	8.7	10.2	9.9	4.1	8.7	13.9	12.8	
June	9.7	7.8	10.4	11.0	5.5	8.9	13.5	12.6	
July	8.5	6.9	9.2	9.4	3.7	7.6	11.9	11.1	
August	9.1	7.5	7.5	9.2	4.3	7.7	12.5	11.8	
September	8.6	7.1	7.6	10.1	3.8	7.5	13.2	12.2	
October	9.0	7.6	6.8	8.8	3.8	7.5	13.8	12.5	
November	8.7	8.4	8.1	8.7	3.9	7.6	12.6	11.4	
December	9.4	7.9	9.9	8.9	3.7	7.7	12.8	11.7	
1985: January	10.4	7.8	11.5	9.3	4.5	8.4	14.1	13.2	
February	10.1	7.5	11.6	10.1	4.8	8.5	12.0	11.7	
March	10.1	8.0	10.5	9.9	4.5	8.5	12.2	12.1	
April	9.9	6.4	10.2	9.7	3.5	7.8	11.6	11.8	
May	9.5	8.1	9.7	10.0	3.4	8.2	11.4	10.8	
PARTICIPATION RATE									
1983: May	62.2	60.0	65.3	62.5	65.1	61.8	58.1	57.9	
1984: March	62.8	61.1	66.7	64.5	63.6	62.6	56.7	56.8	
April	62.6	60.0	65.4	62.7	63.9	61.7	58.2	58.1	
May	62.1	60.5	68.0	63.0	62.2	61.6	56.3	56.3	
June	61.9	59.8	65.7	63.2	62.6	61.6	57.2	57.2	
July	62.6	58.7	66.3	62.5	62.4	61.3	57.3	57.4	
August	61.8	59.6	66.3	61.8	61.8	61.0	56.7	57.3	
September	63.0	60.3	67.7	62.5	62.6	62.0	59.6	60.5	
October	61.8	58.9	67.1	62.7	62.3	61.3	57.5	57.9	
November	61.6	58.6	66.4	63.4	62.6	61.5	58.1	57.7	
December	63.8	58.6	66.0	63.8	64.4	62.3	57.2	57.0	
1985: January	62.3	57.3	64.7	61.8	62.7	60.8	56.0	55.9	
February	63.0	60.2	66.3	62.9	64.8	62.3	56.5	56.7	
March	63.9	60.8	63.1	62.3	65.2	62.4	55.9	56.4	
April	62.5	59.7	61.8	61.5	63.2	61.0	55.5	55.4	
May	62.0	60.6	62.8	62.8	64.5	61.9	56.2	56.0	

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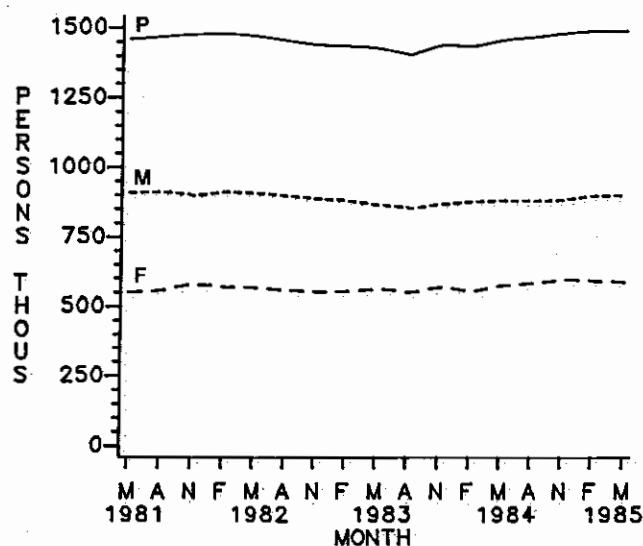
TABLE 13. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) : UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (b) AND PARTICIPATION RATE (c),
REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES (continued)
(per cent)

Month	Wollongong Statistical District	Illawarra and South-Eastern Statistical Divisions (f)	Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Divisions	Northern, North-Western and Central West Statistical Divisions	Murray and Murrumbidgee Statistical Divisions	Total, Balance of N.S.W. (g)	Total, New South Wales
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE							
1983: May	16.3	14.1	15.7	9.4	9.3	12.1	10.9
1984: March	13.2	11.4	14.3	10.1	5.8	11.1	10.4
April	14.9	13.0	13.2	8.6	7.5	11.5	10.0
May	14.1	12.1	11.7	8.6	7.2	10.9	9.5
June	14.5	11.4	12.7	8.2	6.9	10.5	9.5
July	14.1	11.8	11.2	7.8	6.6	9.9	8.4
August	15.5	13.3	13.3	8.8	7.0	11.0	8.9
September	17.2	13.9	11.9	10.1	6.6	11.3	8.8
October	14.0	11.2	13.4	9.0	6.4	10.7	8.6
November	12.4	11.1	11.4	7.5	7.9	9.9	8.4
December	12.7	11.1	14.4	8.6	7.6	10.6	8.8
1985: January	12.0	11.4	16.9	9.8	8.1	11.8	9.6
February	14.4	13.6	16.1	8.6	9.0	11.8	9.7
March	13.4	12.9	16.5	9.9	8.7	11.9	9.7
April	14.4	13.1	13.0	9.1	7.8	11.1	9.0
May	13.6	11.2	15.3	8.6	6.8	10.5	9.0
PARTICIPATION RATE							
1983: May	58.6	58.1	53.0	57.7	61.7	57.7	60.3
1984: March	60.3	59.4	58.3	58.3	62.3	58.7	61.1
April	58.5	57.8	58.6	57.4	63.3	58.7	60.6
May	58.2	58.3	58.9	58.9	60.7	58.4	60.4
June	57.9	56.9	57.5	58.7	62.5	58.2	60.4
July	58.0	57.8	55.7	57.5	61.2	57.8	60.0
August	59.5	58.2	55.4	58.3	60.0	57.7	59.8
September	61.0	59.4	53.0	59.4	61.3	58.8	60.8
October	59.8	58.7	53.2	60.9	59.2	58.1	60.1
November	59.8	58.0	51.5	62.3	59.6	57.9	60.1
December	59.5	58.2	52.2	63.3	59.1	58.1	60.7
1985: January	57.5	57.3	50.8	61.7	60.5	57.1	59.4
February	58.6	58.8	51.1	62.8	60.7	58.0	60.7
March	59.0	59.3	51.8	64.9	62.8	58.9	61.1
April	58.4	58.7	49.6	62.8	60.3	57.4	59.7
May	57.7	57.3	49.5	62.7	59.9	57.0	60.1

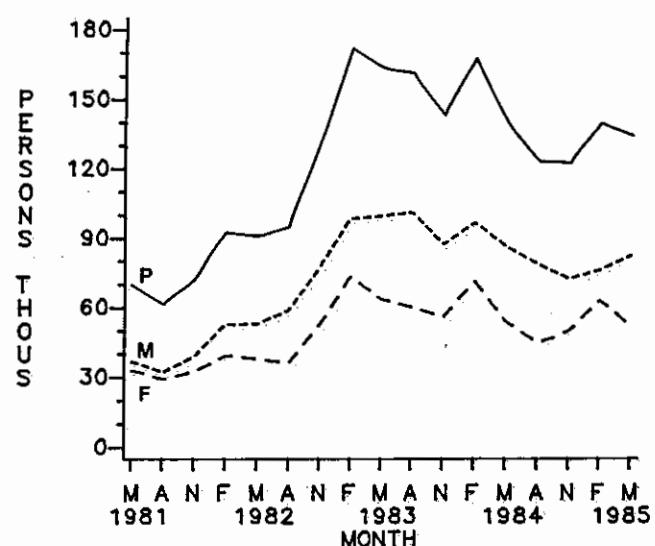
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DIAGRAM 7: SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

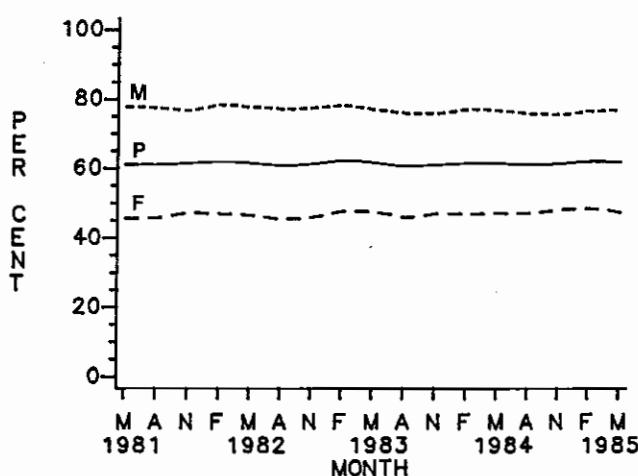
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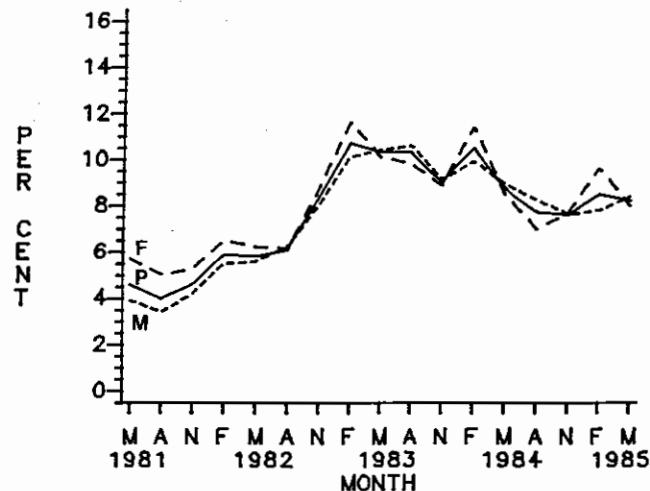
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PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 133,700 and the unemployment rate was 8.2 per cent. These estimates represented a decrease from the February 1985 estimates of 139,100 persons unemployed and an unemployment rate of 8.5 per cent, and from the May 1984 estimates of 139,700 persons unemployed and an unemployment rate of 8.7 per cent. The unemployment rate in the Sydney Statistical Division continued to be approximately 1.0 percentage point below that for total New South Wales.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 1,488,500, which was little different from the estimates in February 1985 of 1,490,300 persons but a significant increase over the estimate for May 1984 of 1,459,000 persons. A rise in the number of persons in full-time employment accounted for most of this increase.

TABLE 14. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

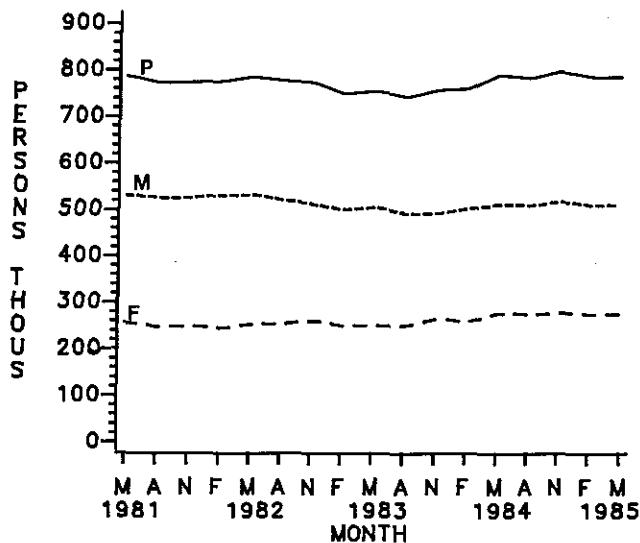
Month	Employed		Unemployed			Civilian			
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	popu-lation aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemp-loyment rate (a) (per cent)	Partici-pation rate (b) (per cent)
			Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)					
MALES									
1981: May	851.6	907.5	32.0	36.7	944.2	269.2	1,213.4	3.9	77.8
1982: May	857.6	903.0	48.0	53.1	956.1	276.3	1,232.3	5.6	77.6
1983: May	801.1	862.3	93.6	99.6	962.0	288.7	1,250.7	10.4	76.9
1984: March	830.6	886.0	85.6	92.4	978.4	281.9	1,260.4	9.4	77.6
April	826.4	881.4	77.6	81.9	963.3	297.6	1,260.9	8.5	76.4
May	824.0	880.0	79.9	86.1	966.1	295.2	1,261.3	8.9	76.6
1985: February	842.2	897.4	71.8	76.1	973.5	295.9	1,269.5	7.8	76.7
March	848.5	901.0	74.1	79.5	980.5	289.9	1,270.4	8.1	77.2
April	837.9	893.3	69.7	73.1	966.5	305.1	1,271.6	7.6	76.0
May	843.4	899.3	75.4	82.3	981.6	291.1	1,272.7	8.4	77.1
MARRIED FEMALES									
1981: May	182.6	307.8	8.4	14.8	322.6	422.1	744.7	4.6	43.3
1982: May	192.3	314.3	8.1	15.1	329.4	409.8	739.3	4.6	44.6
1983: May	186.5	312.2	16.3	25.8	338.0	419.8	757.8	7.6	44.6
1984: March	190.5	321.1	17.7	27.3	348.4	396.5	744.8	7.8	46.8
April	188.7	320.1	15.2	24.7	344.8	402.6	747.4	7.2	46.1
May	192.9	326.8	11.4	19.5	346.3	410.3	756.6	5.6	45.8
1985: February	190.6	328.4	14.5	23.2	351.7	403.8	755.5	6.6	46.5
March	197.8	332.5	14.2	23.1	355.6	405.7	761.3	6.5	46.7
April	188.0	318.7	11.2	19.2	337.9	420.0	757.9	5.7	44.6
May	189.7	328.2	11.6	19.1	347.2	413.4	760.6	5.5	45.7
ALL FEMALES									
1981: May	386.3	552.8	24.2	33.2	585.9	696.9	1,282.9	5.7	45.7
1982: May	403.4	568.2	25.5	37.7	605.9	697.3	1,303.2	6.2	46.5
1983: May	396.2	565.3	47.9	63.4	628.7	694.3	1,323.0	10.1	47.5
1984: March	394.7	576.0	50.0	69.0	645.0	689.2	1,334.2	10.7	48.3
April	389.6	573.1	46.8	65.8	638.9	696.1	1,335.0	10.3	47.9
May	392.5	578.9	40.2	53.7	632.6	703.3	1,335.9	8.5	47.4
1985: February	410.8	592.8	46.1	63.0	655.8	689.3	1,345.1	9.6	48.8
March	409.0	592.5	42.8	59.4	651.8	694.3	1,346.1	9.1	48.4
April	403.4	580.4	37.0	51.6	632.0	715.3	1,347.3	8.2	46.9
May	401.9	589.2	39.4	51.4	640.6	707.8	1,348.4	8.0	47.5
PERSONS									
1981: May	1,237.9	1,460.2	56.2	69.9	1,530.1	966.2	2,496.3	4.6	61.3
1982: May	1,261.1	1,471.2	73.4	90.8	1,562.0	973.6	2,535.5	5.8	61.6
1983: May	1,197.3	1,427.6	141.5	163.1	1,590.7	983.0	2,573.7	10.3	61.8
1984: March	1,225.3	1,462.0	135.6	161.4	1,623.4	971.2	2,594.5	9.9	62.6
April	1,216.1	1,454.5	124.5	147.8	1,602.2	993.7	2,595.9	9.2	61.7
May	1,216.6	1,459.0	120.1	139.7	1,598.7	998.5	2,597.2	8.7	61.6
1985: February	1,253.1	1,490.3	117.9	139.1	1,629.4	985.2	2,614.6	8.5	62.3
March	1,257.6	1,493.5	116.9	138.8	1,632.3	984.2	2,616.5	8.5	62.4
April	1,241.3	1,473.7	106.7	124.7	1,598.5	1,020.4	2,618.9	7.8	61.0
May	1,245.3	1,488.5	114.8	133.7	1,622.2	998.9	2,621.1	8.2	61.9

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

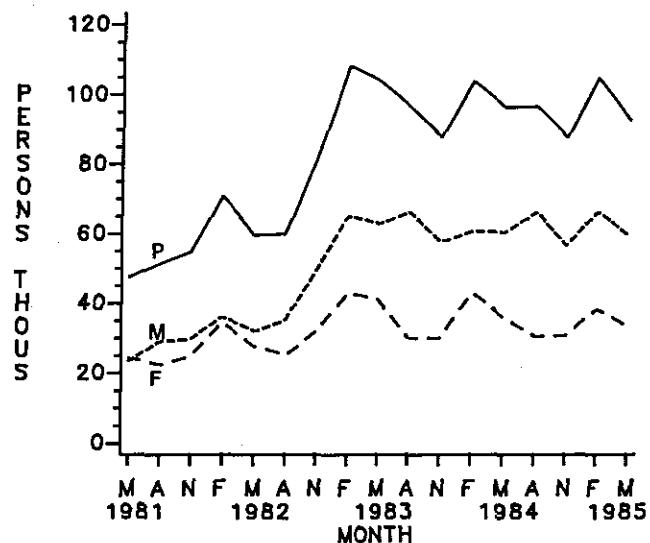
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 8: BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

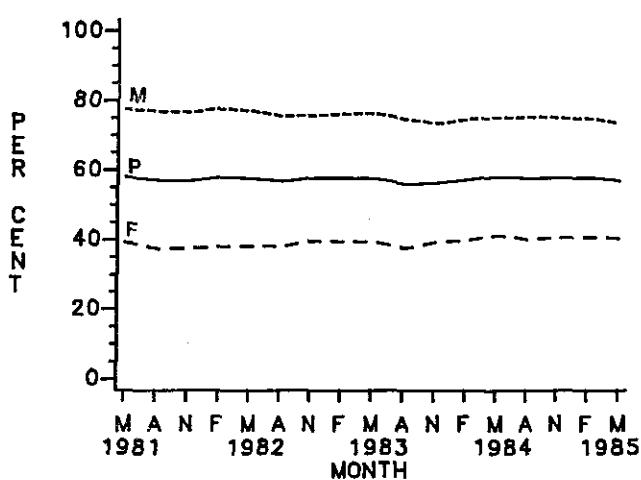
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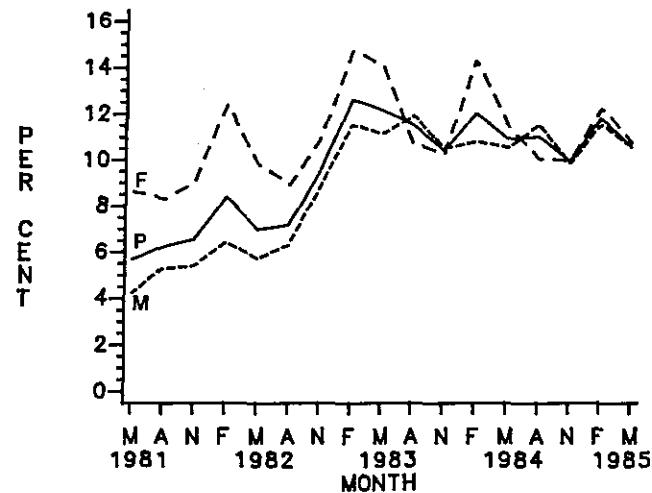
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PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 92,500 and the unemployment rate was 10.5 per cent. These estimates represented a significant decrease from the February 1985 estimates of 104,700 persons unemployed and an unemployment rate of 11.8 per cent, but were little different from the estimates in May 1984 of 96,100 persons unemployed and an unemployment rate of 10.9 per cent. The unemployment rate in the balance of New South Wales continued to be approximately 2.0 percentage points above that for total New South Wales.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 785,300, which was little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 784,400 persons and in May 1984 of 789,200 persons. This contrasts with the significant increase in the number persons employed in the Sydney Statistical Division over the period from May 1984 to May 1985.

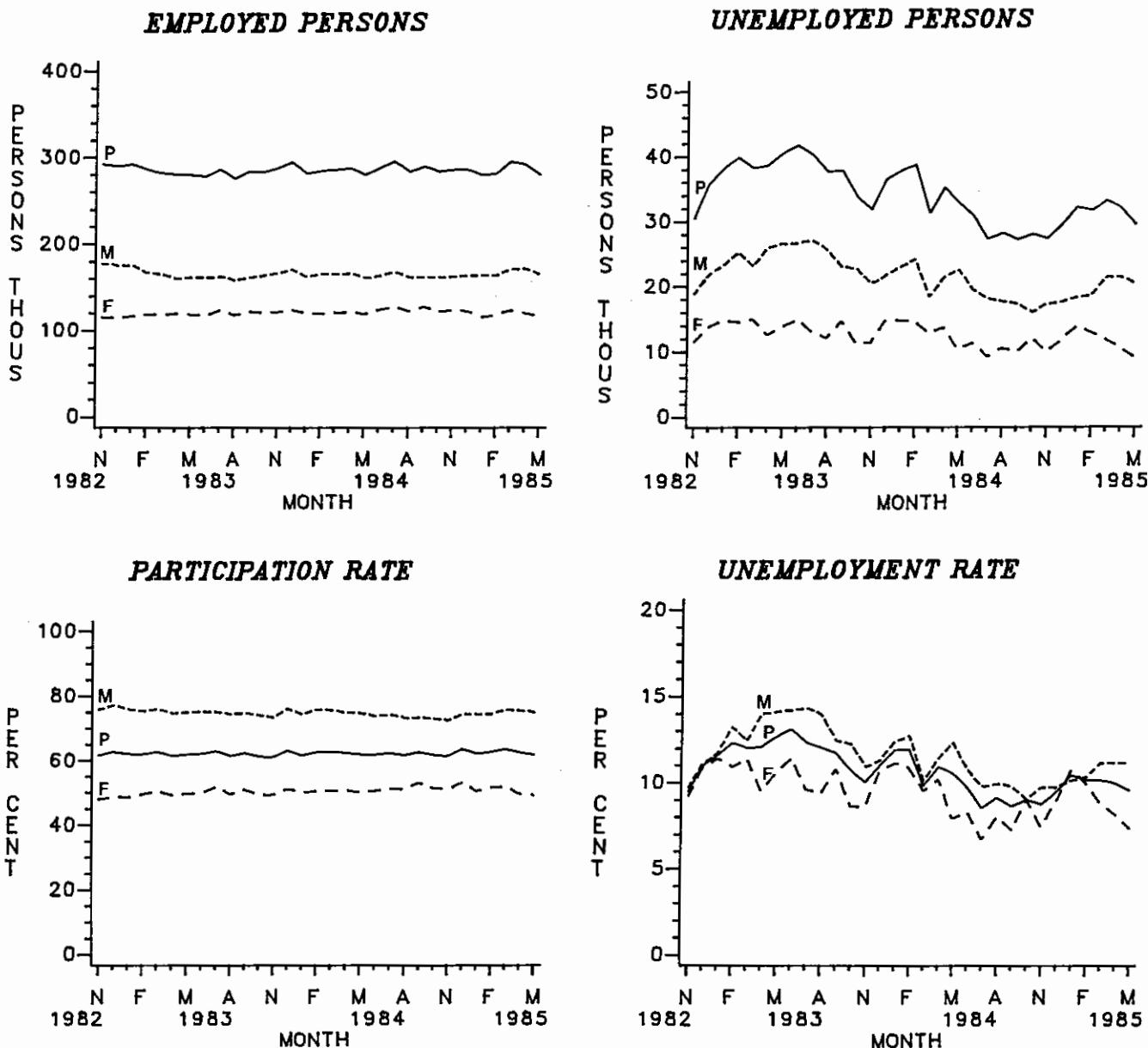
TABLE 15. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Civilians			
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Population aged 15 and over ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)
			full-time	work ('000)				
MALES								
1981: May	503.4	529.9	22.0	23.4	553.3	162.7	716.0	4.2
1982: May	502.9	531.1	30.4	32.0	563.1	168.8	731.9	5.7
1983: May	471.5	504.7	60.7	62.7	567.4	174.8	742.2	11.1
1984: March	482.5	512.7	58.2	59.4	572.0	183.9	756.0	10.4
April	478.0	512.6	58.8	60.1	572.7	185.0	757.7	10.5
May	482.1	511.5	56.6	60.2	571.7	187.7	759.4	10.5
1985: February	475.6	509.2	65.6	66.3	575.5	192.7	768.2	11.5
March	479.2	512.7	66.0	67.4	580.1	189.0	769.1	11.6
April	476.1	507.4	59.8	61.3	568.7	201.2	769.8	10.8
May	479.6	507.7	57.0	59.3	567.0	204.0	771.0	10.5
MARRIED FEMALES								
1981: May	84.7	163.5	6.4	11.0	174.5	290.4	465.0	6.3
1982: May	80.7	158.4	5.6	9.5	167.9	302.5	470.5	5.7
1983: May	90.0	164.1	8.8	13.4	177.5	299.0	476.5	7.6
1984: March	86.8	167.1	8.6	14.5	181.6	274.3	455.9	8.0
April	82.9	167.2	10.6	16.3	183.5	276.9	460.4	8.9
May	83.7	171.5	7.5	13.6	185.0	282.4	467.4	7.3
1985: February	91.1	171.6	7.2	12.1	183.6	288.6	472.3	6.6
March	98.1	183.3	7.0	13.2	196.5	283.2	479.7	6.7
April	91.5	174.6	6.7	11.1	185.7	286.7	472.5	6.0
May	96.9	175.7	6.0	9.6	185.3	291.8	477.1	5.2
ALL FEMALES								
1981: May	153.5	257.6	17.8	24.2	281.8	439.0	720.8	8.6
1982: May	154.8	254.6	21.2	27.6	282.2	452.2	734.3	9.8
1983: May	152.7	250.4	32.4	40.9	291.3	454.5	745.7	14.0
1984: March	169.1	275.5	30.0	39.1	314.6	440.7	755.3	12.4
April	163.5	273.5	32.2	41.9	315.4	441.0	756.4	13.3
May	162.8	277.7	28.3	35.9	313.7	443.9	757.6	11.5
1985: February	167.5	275.3	30.6	38.3	313.6	452.2	765.8	12.2
March	172.2	284.9	29.4	40.0	324.8	442.0	766.8	12.3
April	167.2	277.0	26.6	36.3	313.3	454.5	767.8	11.6
May	173.7	277.6	26.3	33.2	310.8	458.1	768.9	10.7
PERSONS								
1981: May	656.8	787.5	39.9	47.6	835.0	601.8	1,436.8	5.7
1982: May	657.7	785.7	51.6	59.6	845.3	621.0	1,466.2	7.0
1983: May	624.2	755.1	93.1	103.6	858.6	629.3	1,487.9	12.1
1984: March	651.6	788.2	88.2	98.5	886.6	624.7	1,511.3	11.1
April	641.5	786.1	91.0	102.0	888.1	626.1	1,514.2	11.5
May	644.8	789.2	84.9	96.1	885.3	631.6	1,517.0	10.9
1985: February	643.1	784.4	96.2	104.7	889.1	644.8	1,534.0	11.8
March	651.4	797.6	95.4	107.4	905.0	631.0	1,535.9	11.9
April	643.2	784.4	86.3	97.5	881.9	655.7	1,537.6	11.1
May	653.2	785.3	83.3	92.5	877.8	662.0	1,539.8	10.5

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 9: CENTRAL SYDNEY AND INNER WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 29,500 and the unemployment rate was 9.5 per cent. These estimates represented a small decrease from the estimates in February 1985 of 31,600 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 10.1 per cent, and in May 1984 of 32,800 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 10.5 per cent. In contrast to the majority of regions, the unemployment rate for males in this region is, in most months, higher than that for females.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 279,300, which was little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 281,200 persons and in May 1984 of 279,600 persons.

TABLE 16. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
CENTRAL SYDNEY AND INNER WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

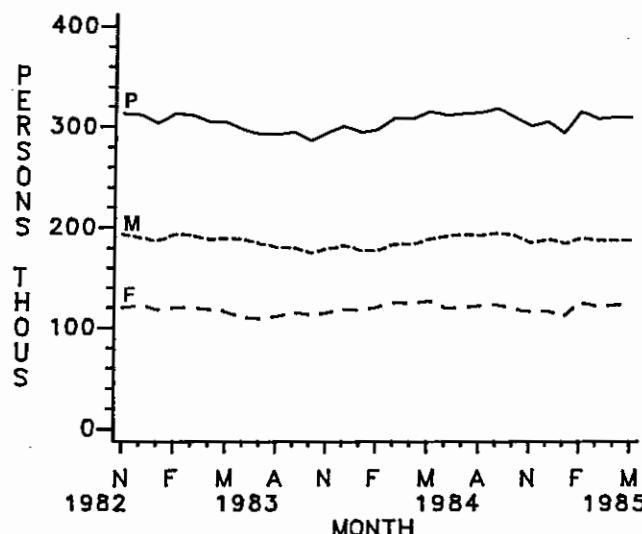
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	148.5	161.4	24.8	26.6	187.9	62.2	14.1	75.1
1984: March	151.8	164.9	16.9	18.4	183.4	58.7	10.1	75.7
April	154.9	166.3	19.7	21.4	187.7	63.0	11.4	74.9
May	150.3	160.8	20.8	22.6	183.3	62.4	12.3	74.6
1985: February	150.7	163.2	18.0	18.7	181.9	61.8	10.3	74.6
March	158.5	171.1	19.4	21.4	192.4	61.2	11.1	75.9
April	158.1	171.5	20.1	21.5	193.1	62.5	11.1	75.5
May	150.3	163.9	17.5	20.4	184.4	61.0	11.1	75.1
FEMALES								
1983: May	89.5	117.9	11.5	14.0	131.9	131.8	10.6	50.0
1984: March	87.0	121.2	10.9	12.8	134.0	129.2	9.5	50.9
April	84.4	121.7	9.9	13.8	135.4	130.4	10.2	50.9
May	83.6	118.8	8.1	10.3	129.1	128.1	7.9	50.2
1985: February	89.4	118.0	9.8	12.9	130.9	121.5	9.9	51.9
March	93.2	123.7	8.8	11.8	135.5	124.4	8.7	52.1
April	90.4	119.5	8.5	10.5	130.0	131.3	8.1	49.7
May	88.8	115.3	7.5	9.0	124.3	128.5	7.3	49.2
PERSONS								
1983: May	238.0	279.3	36.3	40.6	319.9	194.1	12.7	62.2
1984: March	238.8	286.1	27.8	31.2	317.4	187.9	9.8	62.8
April	239.3	288.0	29.7	35.2	323.2	193.4	10.9	62.6
May	233.9	279.6	28.8	32.8	312.4	190.5	10.5	62.1
1985: February	240.1	281.2	27.8	31.6	312.8	183.3	10.1	63.0
March	251.7	294.8	28.2	33.2	327.9	185.6	10.1	63.9
April	248.5	291.0	28.6	32.0	323.0	193.8	9.9	62.5
May	239.0	279.3	25.0	29.5	308.7	189.6	9.5	62.0

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

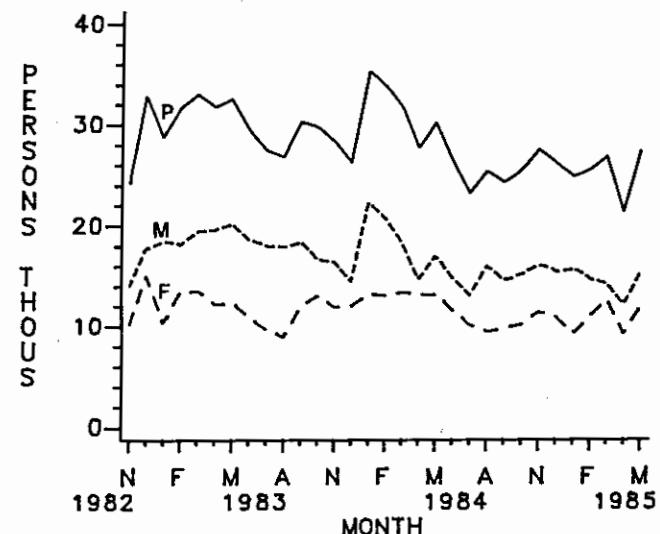
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 10: SOUTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

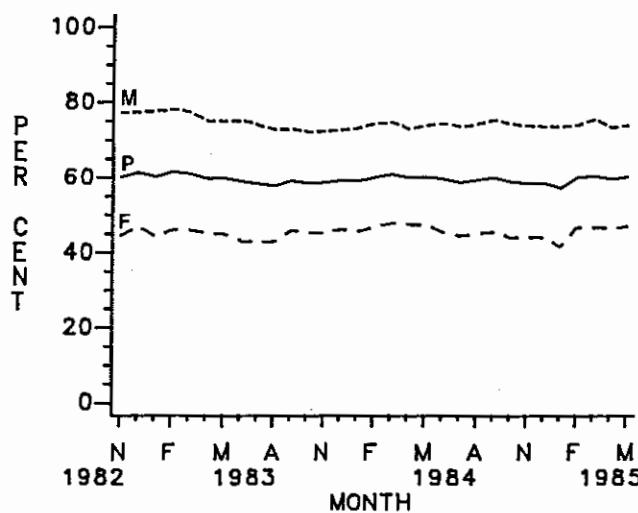
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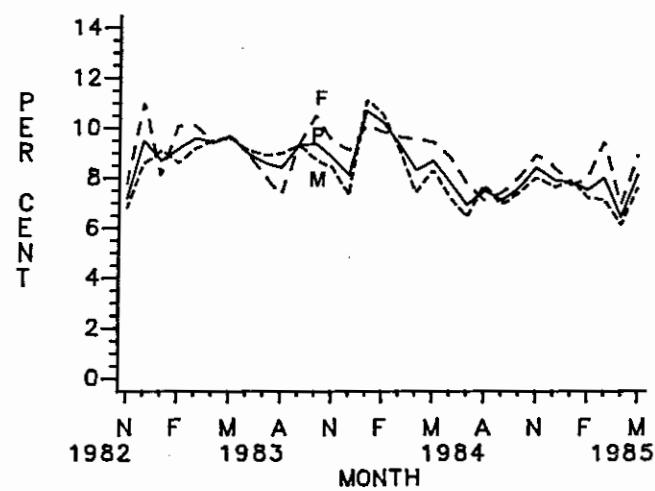
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 27,300 and the unemployment rate was 8.1 per cent. These estimates were little different to those in February 1985 of 25,500 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 7.5 per cent, and in May 1984 of 30,200 unemployed persons and unemployment rate of 8.7 per cent. In most months since May 1984, the unemployment rate in this region has remained below the rate for New South Wales.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 309,400, which was not significantly different to the estimates in February 1985 of 314,800 persons and in May 1984 of 315,400 persons.

TABLE 17. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
SOUTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

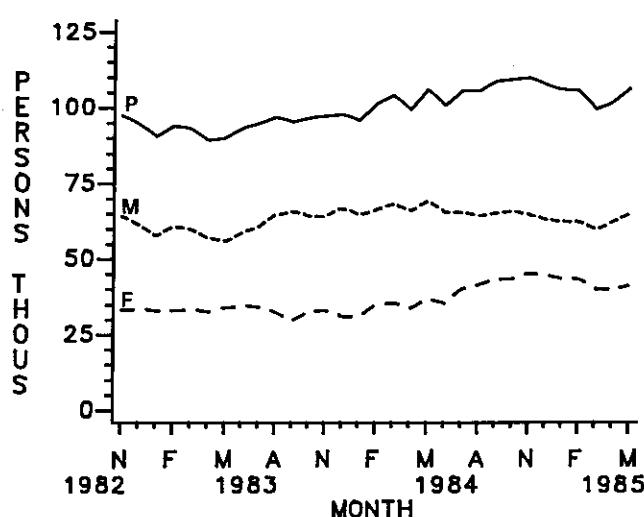
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	177.2	189.0	18.7	20.2	209.2	69.6	9.6	75.0
1984: March	173.1	183.8	17.5	18.3	202.0	67.6	9.1	74.9
April	173.5	182.9	14.6	14.6	197.6	73.0	7.4	73.0
May	176.1	188.1	16.1	17.0	205.1	71.7	8.3	74.1
1985: February	179.9	188.9	14.2	14.6	203.5	71.2	7.2	74.1
March	178.2	186.6	12.9	14.2	200.8	64.6	7.1	75.7
April	176.6	186.3	11.7	12.1	198.5	71.9	6.1	73.4
May	177.6	186.8	14.5	15.3	202.1	70.6	7.6	74.1
FEMALES								
1983: May	81.2	115.3	8.7	12.4	127.7	154.6	9.7	45.2
1984: March	89.2	125.6	9.9	13.4	139.0	149.2	9.6	48.2
April	88.2	124.5	9.5	13.1	137.7	150.9	9.5	47.7
May	90.2	127.3	9.9	13.2	140.5	154.3	9.4	47.7
1985: February	87.9	125.9	7.8	10.9	136.9	154.1	8.0	47.0
March	86.5	121.2	9.1	12.6	133.8	151.0	9.4	47.0
April	84.8	123.5	7.2	9.2	132.7	151.8	6.9	46.6
May	83.2	122.6	9.3	11.9	134.5	148.3	8.9	47.6
PERSONS								
1983: May	258.4	304.3	27.4	32.6	336.9	224.2	9.7	60.0
1984: March	262.4	309.3	27.4	31.7	341.0	216.8	9.3	61.1
April	261.8	307.5	24.1	27.7	335.2	223.8	8.3	60.0
May	266.2	315.4	26.1	30.2	345.6	226.0	8.7	60.5
1985: February	267.8	314.8	21.9	25.5	340.4	225.3	7.5	60.2
March	264.7	307.8	22.0	26.8	334.6	215.6	8.0	60.8
April	261.3	309.9	18.9	21.3	331.2	223.6	6.4	59.7
May	260.8	309.4	23.8	27.3	336.6	218.9	8.1	60.6

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

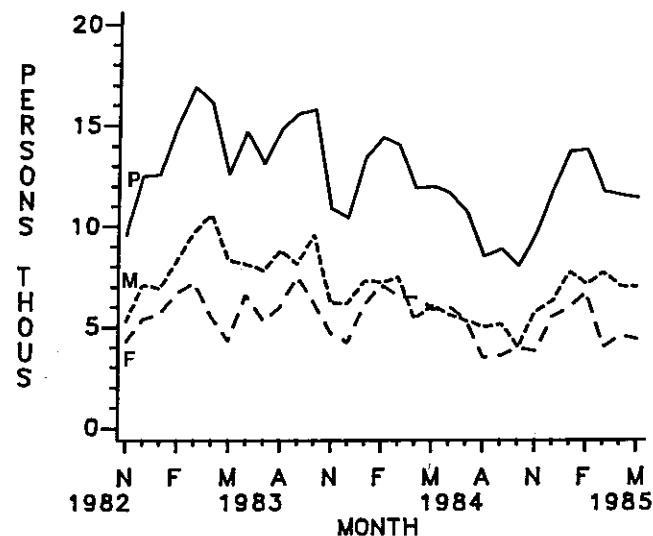
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 11: SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

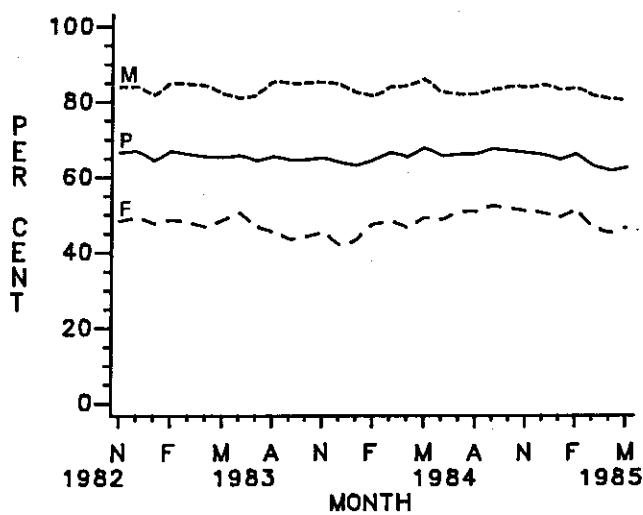
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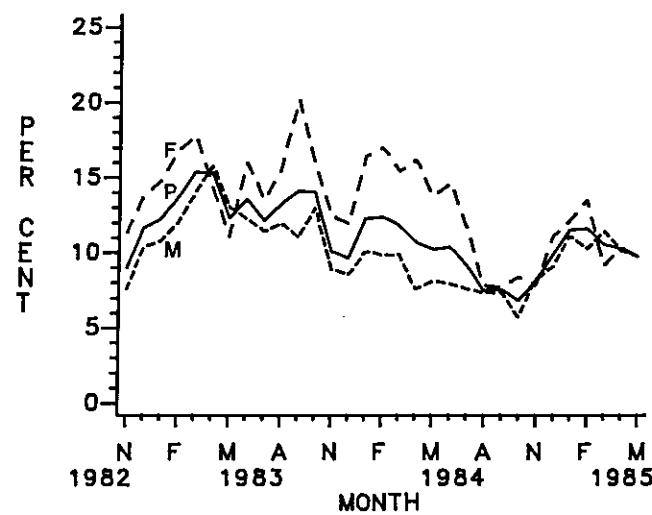
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of unemployed persons was 11,400 and the unemployment rate was 9.7 per cent. These estimates represented a significant decrease from the estimates in February 1985 of 13,800 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 11.6 per cent, but were little different from the estimates in May 1984 of 12,000 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 10.2 per cent.
- The number of persons employed in May 1985 was 106,200, which was little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 105,500 persons and in May 1984 of 106,000 persons.
- The labour force participation rate for this region continued to vary significantly over the 12 months to May 1985. The participation rate in May 1985 was 62.8 per cent, a decrease of 3.5 percentage points from the February 1985 estimate of 66.3 per cent and a decrease of 5.2 percentage points from the May 1984 estimate of 68.0 per cent.

TABLE 18. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

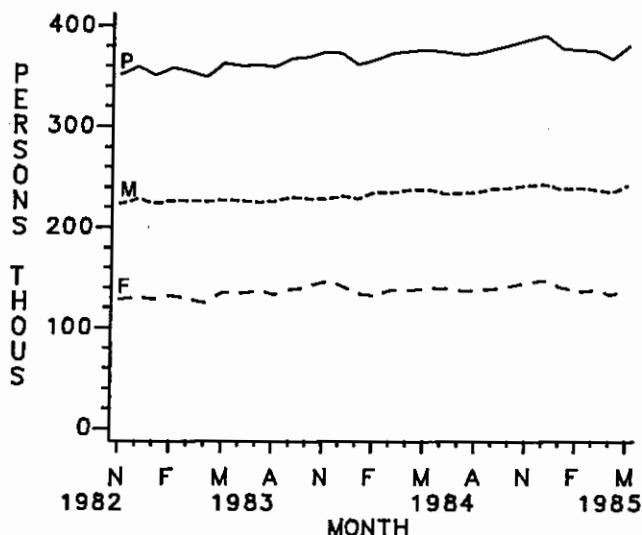
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	52.6	55.8	8.1	8.3	64.1	14.0	13.0	82.1
1984: March	65.1	68.3	7.3	7.5	75.8	14.2	9.9	84.2
April	62.3	65.7	4.8	5.4	71.2	13.2	7.6	84.4
May	64.9	69.1	5.5	6.1	75.2	12.0	8.1	86.2
1985: February	59.3	62.1	6.6	7.1	69.2	13.3	10.2	83.9
March	57.1	59.5	7.7	7.7	67.2	15.0	11.4	81.7
April	59.6	62.2	5.9	7.0	69.2	16.4	10.1	80.8
May	62.3	64.9	6.6	7.0	71.9	17.5	9.7	80.4
FEMALES								
1983: May	21.7	34.2	*	4.3	38.5	40.6	11.1	48.7
1984: March	25.4	35.7	4.4	6.5	42.2	44.7	15.4	48.5
April	23.2	33.5	4.9	6.5	40.0	45.7	16.2	46.6
May	25.4	37.0	4.1	5.9	42.8	43.7	13.7	49.5
1985: February	29.8	43.4	4.3	6.7	50.1	47.3	13.5	51.5
March	27.1	39.9	*	4.0	43.9	50.1	9.1	46.7
April	28.1	39.7	*	4.6	44.2	53.5	10.3	45.2
May	26.3	41.3	3.5	4.4	45.7	52.1	9.6	46.7
PERSONS								
1983: May	74.3	90.0	10.8	12.6	102.6	54.6	12.3	65.3
1984: March	90.6	104.1	11.6	14.0	118.1	58.9	11.8	66.7
April	85.4	99.2	9.7	11.9	111.1	58.9	10.7	65.4
May	90.2	106.0	9.6	12.0	118.0	55.7	10.2	68.0
1985: February	89.1	105.5	11.0	13.8	119.3	60.6	11.6	66.3
March	84.2	99.4	10.6	11.7	111.0	65.1	10.5	63.1
April	87.7	101.8	8.9	11.5	113.4	69.9	10.2	61.8
May	88.6	106.2	10.0	11.4	117.6	69.6	9.7	62.8

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

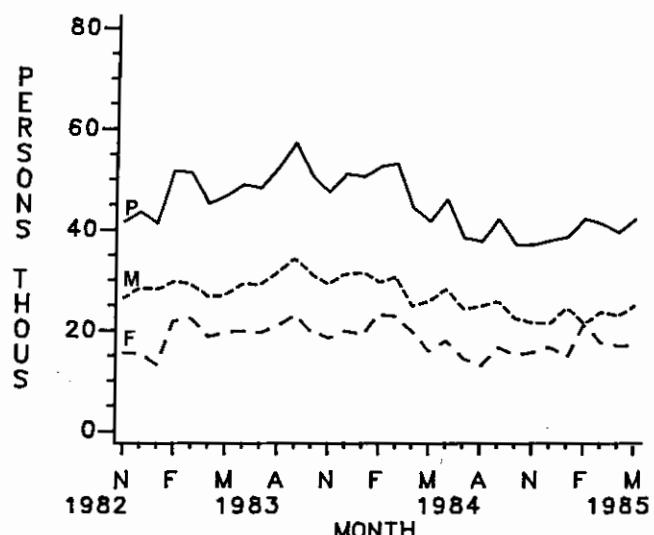
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 12: WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

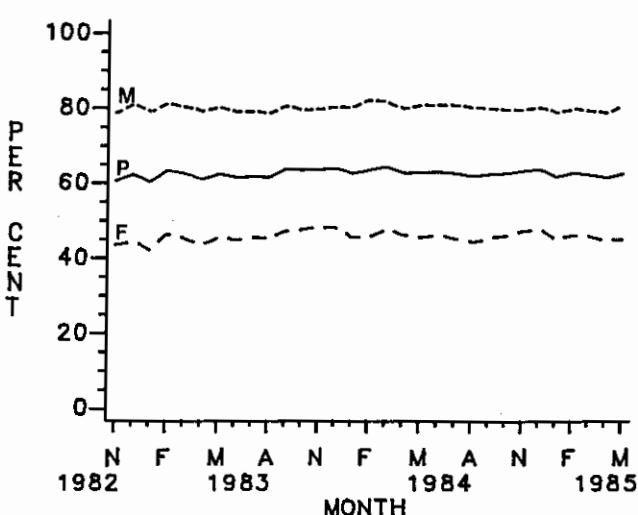
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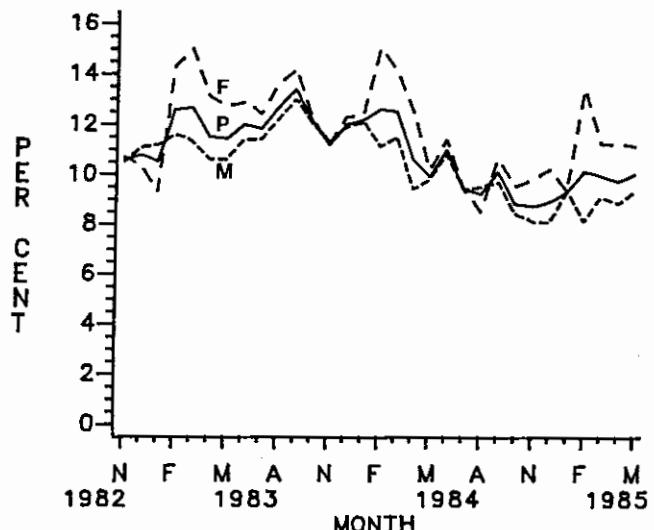
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 42,200 and the unemployment rate was 10.0 per cent. These estimates were similar to the estimates in February 1985 of 42,200 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 10.1 per cent, and in May 1984 of 41,600 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 9.9 per cent.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 380,200, which again was little different to the estimate in February 1985 of 375,400 persons and in May 1984 of 377,000 persons.

TABLE 19. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

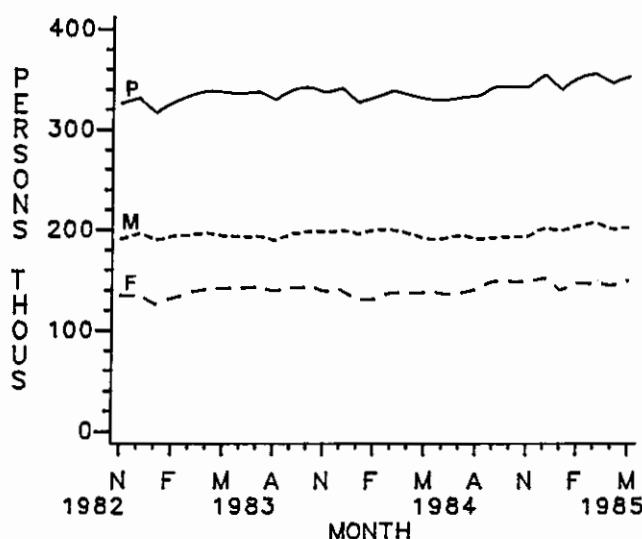
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	214.9	227.6	25.7	27.0	254.6	62.5	10.6	80.3
1984: March	223.8	234.8	28.7	30.6	265.5	59.7	11.5	81.6
April	225.6	237.3	24.0	24.7	261.9	66.1	9.4	79.8
May	227.4	237.5	24.3	25.8	263.4	62.0	9.8	80.9
1985: February	228.2	239.6	19.8	21.1	260.7	65.1	8.1	80.0
March	227.5	237.0	22.2	23.6	260.6	68.6	9.1	79.2
April	225.3	234.1	22.5	22.7	256.8	69.0	8.8	78.8
May	230.3	242.1	23.6	24.9	267.0	63.2	9.3	80.9
FEMALES								
1983: May	95.7	135.6	14.9	19.7	155.3	183.1	12.7	45.9
1984: March	92.7	138.2	15.8	22.6	160.8	174.8	14.1	47.9
April	93.6	137.6	14.5	19.7	157.2	182.7	12.5	46.3
May	92.7	139.5	12.5	15.8	155.3	184.4	10.2	45.7
1985: February	92.3	135.8	18.0	21.1	156.9	181.2	13.4	46.4
March	94.1	138.1	14.9	17.5	155.6	183.0	11.2	46.0
April	90.8	132.7	13.0	16.7	149.4	184.9	11.2	44.7
May	93.3	138.1	13.5	17.2	155.4	186.7	11.1	45.4
PERSONS								
1983: May	310.6	363.2	40.6	46.8	410.0	245.6	11.4	62.5
1984: March	316.5	373.0	44.5	53.2	426.2	234.5	12.5	64.5
April	319.3	374.8	38.5	44.3	419.2	248.8	10.6	62.7
May	320.2	377.0	36.8	41.6	418.7	246.4	9.9	63.0
1985: February	320.4	375.4	37.8	42.2	417.6	246.4	10.1	62.9
March	321.6	375.1	37.0	41.1	416.2	251.7	9.9	62.3
April	316.2	366.8	35.5	39.4	406.3	253.9	9.7	61.5
May	323.6	380.2	37.1	42.2	422.4	249.9	10.0	62.8

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

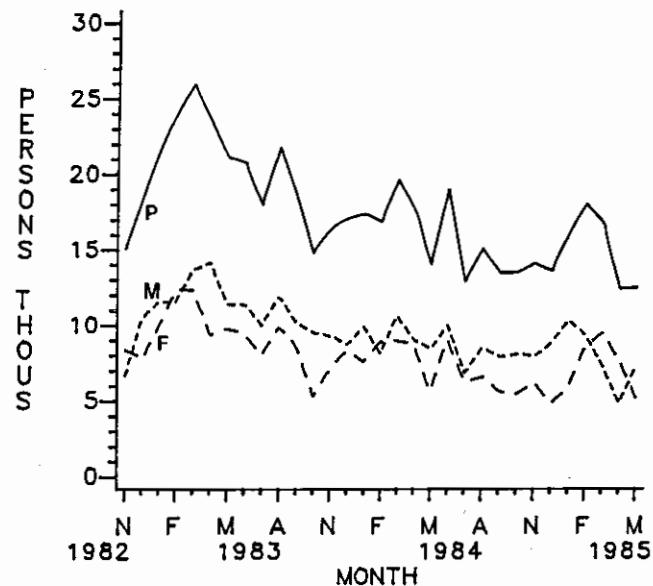
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 13: NORTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

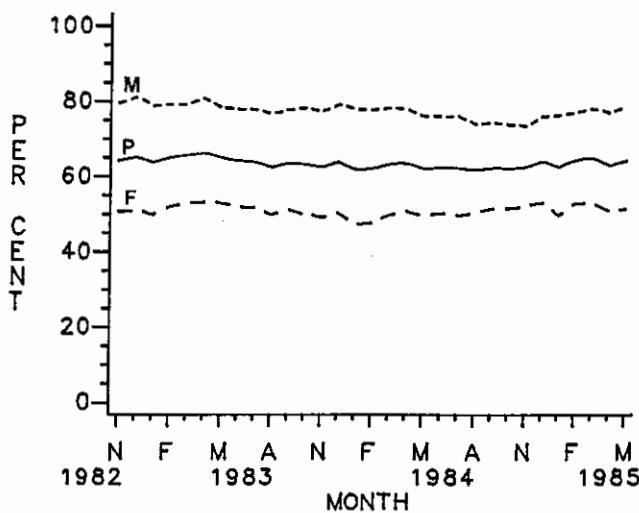
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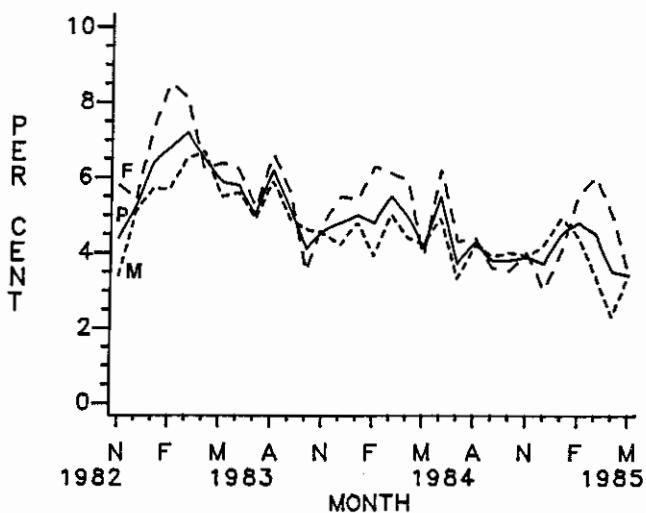
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of unemployed persons was 12,500 and the unemployment rate was 3.4 per cent. These estimates represented a significant decrease from the estimates in February 1985 of 18,000 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent, but were little different to those in May 1984 of 14,000 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 4.1 per cent. This region continued to record the lowest unemployment rate in New South Wales in every month.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 354,000. This was similar to the estimate in February 1985 of 353,000. However, since May 1984, when the number of employed persons was 330,800, there has been significant growth (23,200) in employment in this region. An increase in the number of full-time workers accounted for the majority of this increase.

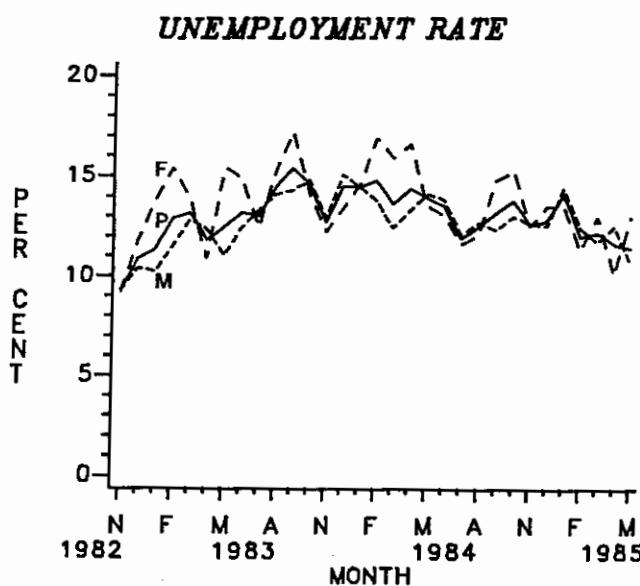
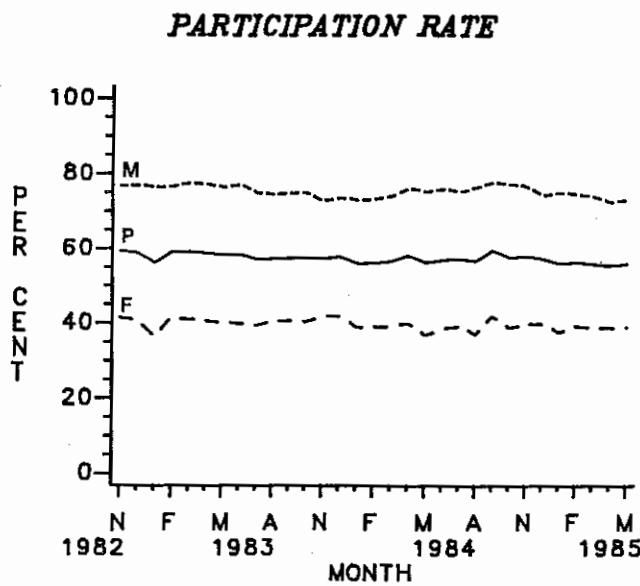
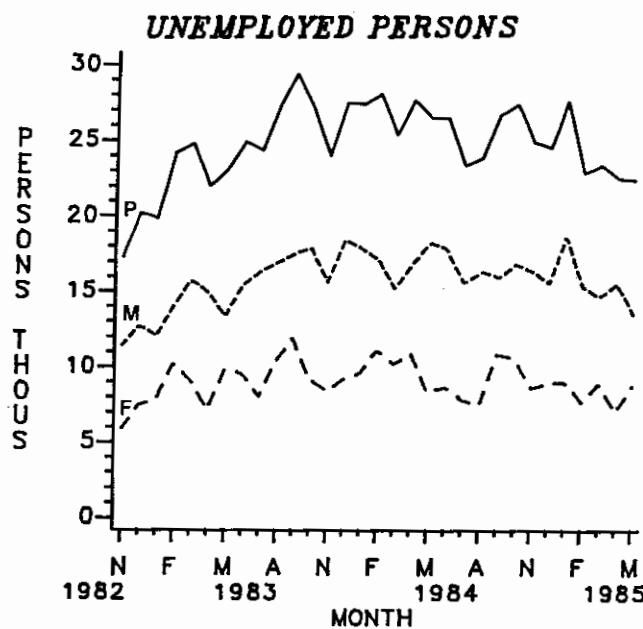
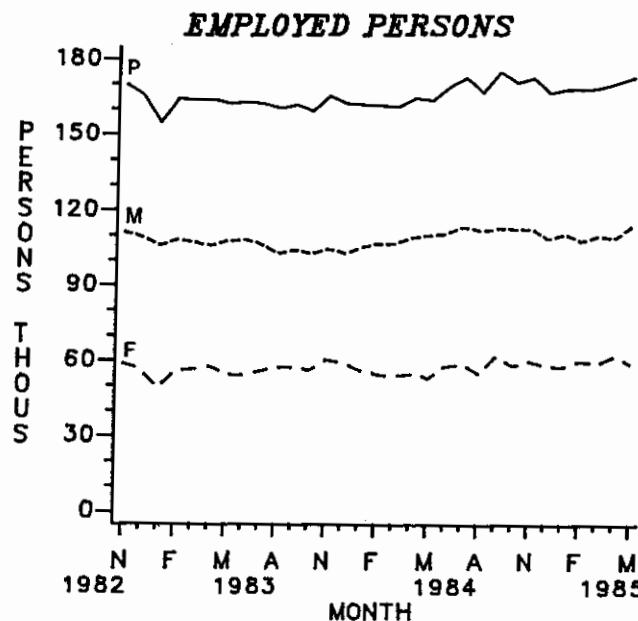
TABLE 20. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
NORTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	174.7	193.8	10.4	11.4	205.1	56.9	5.5	78.3
1984: March	187.0	200.7	8.9	10.6	211.3	58.3	5.0	78.4
April	181.2	196.7	8.4	9.0	205.7	58.5	4.4	77.9
May	175.5	191.4	7.3	8.4	199.8	62.6	4.2	76.1
1985: February	188.8	204.8	8.0	9.3	214.1	63.3	4.4	77.2
March	191.0	208.2	6.8	7.3	215.5	59.9	3.4	78.3
April	183.7	201.3	4.6	4.8	206.1	61.5	2.3	77.0
May	186.8	203.4	5.9	7.2	210.6	56.4	3.4	78.9
FEMALES								
1983: May	97.0	143.2	7.6	9.8	153.1	135.4	6.4	53.1
1984: March	91.2	138.8	5.0	9.0	147.8	147.6	6.1	50.0
April	89.0	138.1	4.5	8.7	146.8	141.0	5.9	51.0
May	91.5	139.4	3.9	5.6	145.1	146.9	3.9	49.7
1985: February	99.2	148.2	4.4	8.6	156.8	138.2	5.5	53.2
March	95.7	148.3	5.2	9.5	157.8	139.0	6.0	53.2
April	97.1	145.8	3.2	7.6	153.4	147.7	5.0	51.0
May	97.1	150.7	*	5.2	155.9	145.1	3.4	51.8
PERSONS								
1983: May	271.7	337.0	18.0	21.2	358.2	192.3	5.9	65.1
1984: March	278.2	339.5	13.9	19.6	359.1	205.9	5.5	63.6
April	270.2	334.8	12.9	17.7	352.5	199.5	5.0	63.9
May	267.0	330.8	11.1	14.0	344.8	209.5	4.1	62.2
1985: February	288.0	353.0	12.5	18.0	370.9	201.5	4.8	64.8
March	286.7	356.5	12.0	16.8	373.3	198.9	4.5	65.2
April	280.8	347.1	7.8	12.4	359.5	209.1	3.5	63.2
May	283.8	354.0	8.5	12.5	366.5	201.4	3.4	64.5

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 14: NEWCASTLE STATISTICAL DISTRICT



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 22,400 and the unemployment rate was 11.4 per cent. These estimates were little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 22,900 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 12.0 per cent, but represented a significant decrease from those in May 1984 of 26,500 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 13.9 per cent. The Newcastle Statistical District continued to record one of the highest unemployment rates in New South Wales.
- The number of persons employed in May 1985 was 173,700 which represented a significant increase over the estimates of 168,400 in February 1985 and 163,700 in May 1984. For the period May 1984 to May 1985, an increase in the number of part-time workers employed (5,700 persons) accounted for more than half of the increase in the total number of persons employed.

TABLE 21. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
NEWCASTLE STATISTICAL DISTRICT

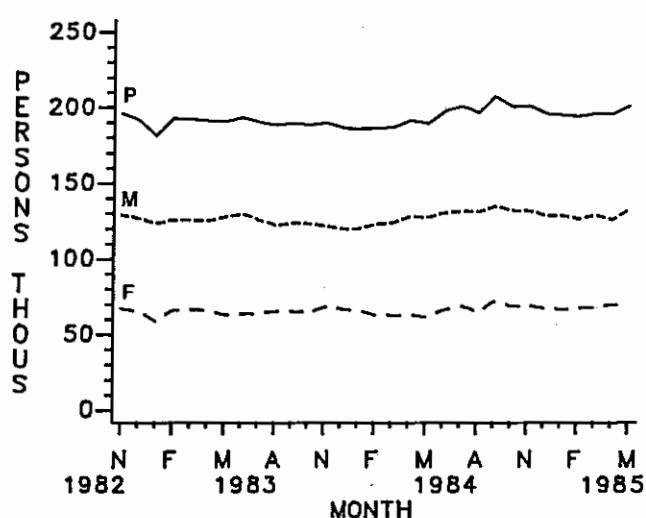
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	101.7	107.9	12.9	13.3	121.2	37.6	11.0	76.3
1984: March	102.6	107.1	15.2	15.2	122.3	42.9	12.4	74.0
April	102.5	109.7	16.4	16.8	126.5	39.6	13.3	76.1
May	106.6	110.6	17.5	18.2	128.7	42.7	14.1	75.1
1985: February	103.4	108.1	14.8	15.3	123.4	42.3	12.4	74.5
March	105.0	110.4	14.6	14.6	125.0	44.2	11.7	73.9
April	103.8	109.0	14.8	15.5	124.5	47.4	12.5	72.4
May	109.0	114.4	13.3	13.5	127.9	46.6	10.6	73.3
FEMALES								
1983: May	35.0	54.2	7.7	9.8	64.0	95.8	15.4	40.1
1984: March	35.7	54.0	8.4	10.2	64.2	99.2	15.9	39.3
April	37.8	55.1	7.7	10.9	66.0	98.8	16.6	40.1
May	35.7	53.2	5.5	8.3	61.5	105.0	13.5	36.9
1985: February	39.7	60.3	5.7	7.7	67.9	104.7	11.3	39.3
March	37.2	59.1	6.5	8.9	68.0	107.9	13.0	38.7
April	38.0	62.4	5.9	7.0	69.4	108.4	10.1	39.0
May	37.6	59.3	7.0	8.8	68.1	106.3	13.0	39.1
PERSONS								
1983: May	136.7	162.1	20.6	23.1	185.2	133.4	12.5	58.1
1984: March	138.4	161.1	23.6	25.4	186.5	142.1	13.6	56.7
April	140.3	164.8	24.1	27.7	192.5	138.5	14.4	58.2
May	142.3	163.7	23.0	26.5	190.2	147.6	13.9	56.3
1985: February	143.1	168.4	20.5	22.9	191.3	147.0	12.0	56.5
March	142.3	169.5	21.1	23.4	193.0	152.1	12.2	55.9
April	141.8	171.4	20.7	22.5	193.9	155.8	11.6	55.5
May	146.6	173.7	20.3	22.4	196.0	152.9	11.4	56.2

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

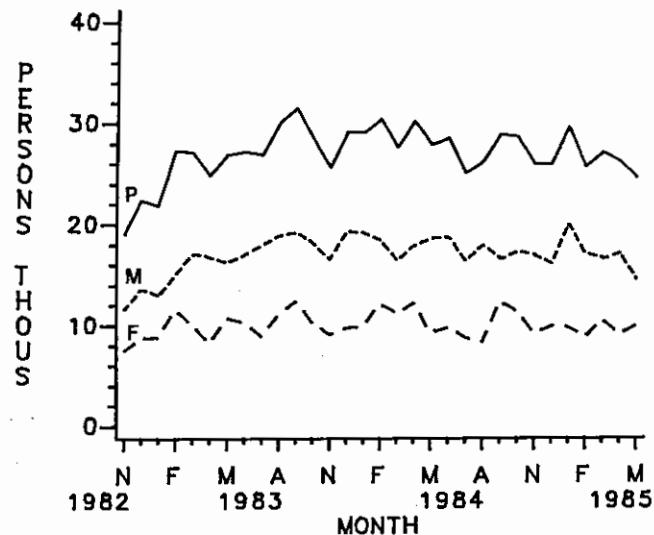
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 15: HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION

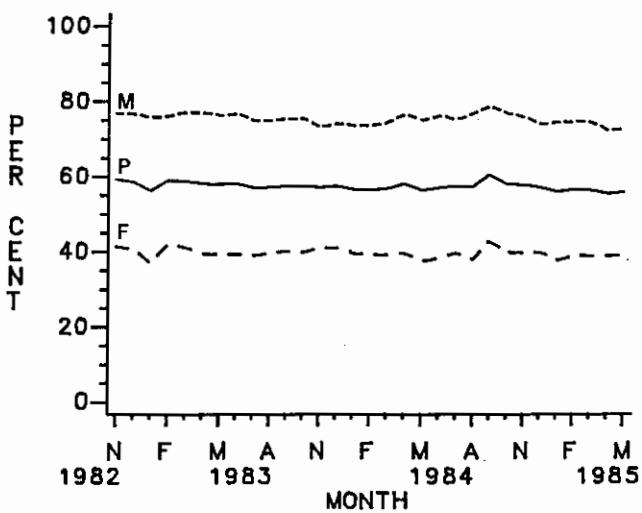
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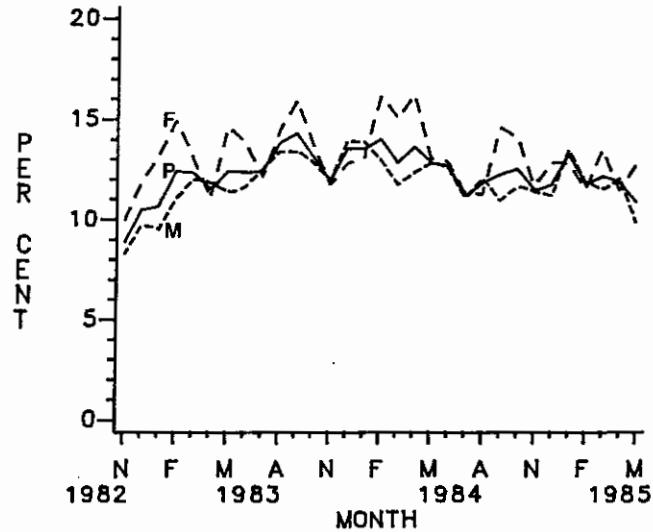
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PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of unemployed persons was 24,500 and the unemployment rate was 10.8 per cent. These estimates were little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 25,600 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 11.7 per cent, but were a significant decrease from those in May 1984 of 27,800 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 12.8 per cent.
- In May 1985, the number of employed persons was 201,100, which was a significant increase over the estimates in February 1985 of 193,800 persons and in May 1984 of 188,700 persons. The increase in the number of employed persons was shared equally by those in full-time employment and those in part-time employment.

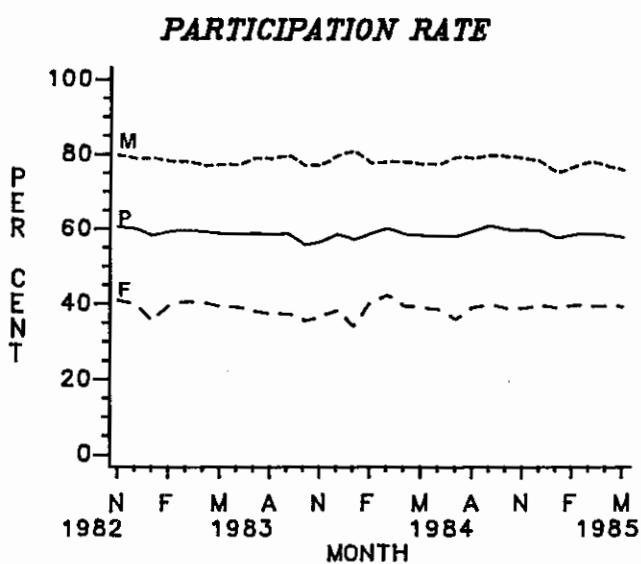
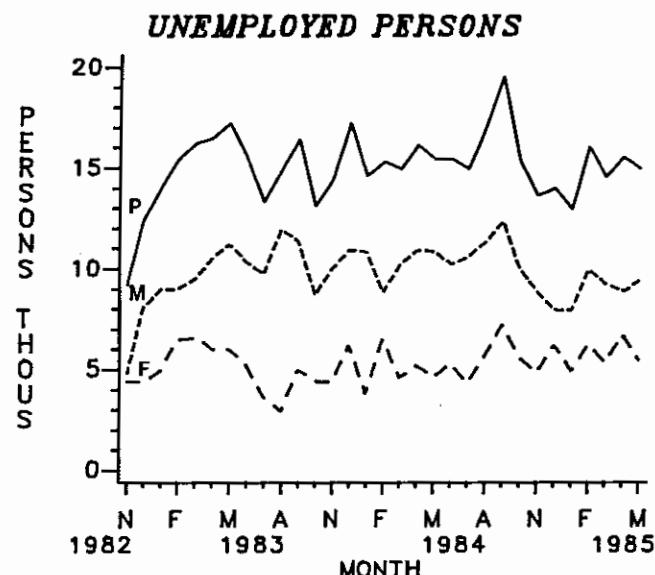
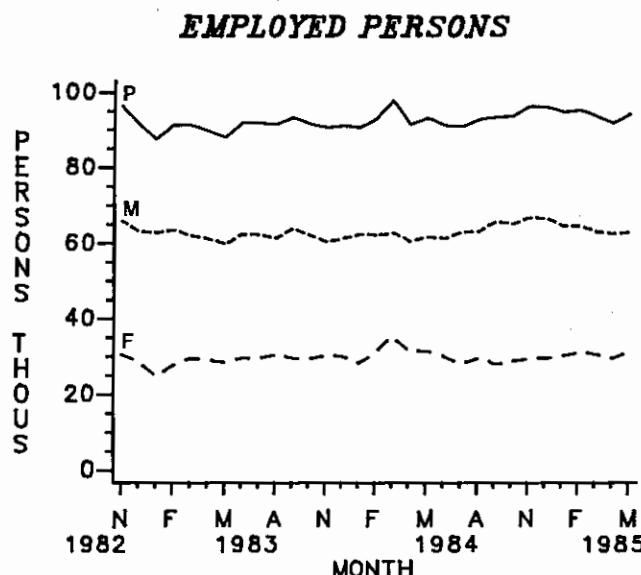
TABLE 22. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
	MALES							
1983: May	119.6	128.0	15.8	16.2	144.2	45.0	11.3	76.2
1984: March	119.0	124.1	16.4	16.4	140.5	48.6	11.7	74.3
April	118.9	128.0	17.5	17.9	146.0	45.2	12.3	76.4
May	121.4	127.3	17.7	18.6	145.9	48.9	12.8	74.9
1985: February	119.9	125.9	16.4	16.9	142.8	48.2	11.8	74.7
March	122.9	128.9	16.5	16.5	145.4	50.3	11.4	74.3
April	119.3	125.4	16.4	17.1	142.5	54.8	12.0	72.2
May	125.8	132.3	14.2	14.4	146.8	54.7	9.8	72.9
FEMALES								
1983: May	40.6	62.7	8.4	10.7	73.4	113.1	14.6	39.4
1984: March	40.3	62.6	9.3	11.1	73.7	114.4	15.0	39.2
April	42.1	63.2	8.8	12.2	75.5	114.5	16.2	39.7
May	40.4	61.4	6.4	9.2	70.6	119.4	13.0	37.2
1985: February	44.1	67.9	6.7	8.7	76.7	119.3	11.4	39.1
March	42.6	67.4	7.7	10.5	77.9	122.7	13.4	38.8
April	42.8	70.2	6.8	9.0	79.2	123.8	11.4	39.0
May	43.1	68.7	7.9	10.0	78.7	122.6	12.7	39.1
PERSONS								
1983: May	160.3	190.7	24.2	26.9	217.6	158.0	12.4	57.9
1984: March	159.3	186.7	25.7	27.5	214.2	163.0	12.8	56.8
April	161.1	191.3	26.3	30.2	221.4	159.7	13.6	58.1
May	161.8	188.7	24.1	27.8	216.5	168.3	12.8	56.3
1985: February	164.0	193.8	23.1	25.6	219.4	167.5	11.7	56.7
March	165.5	196.3	24.2	27.0	223.3	173.0	12.1	56.4
April	162.0	195.6	23.2	26.1	221.7	178.6	11.8	55.4
May	168.9	201.1	22.1	24.5	225.5	177.2	10.8	56.0

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 16: WOLLONGONG STATISTICAL DISTRICT



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 14,900 and the unemployment rate was 13.6 per cent. These estimates were little different to those in February 1985 of 16,000 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 14.4 per cent, and in May 1984 of 15,400 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 14.1 per cent. The Wollongong Statistical District continued to record one of the highest unemployment rates in the New South Wales.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 94,300, which was little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 95,400 persons and in May 1984 of 93,300 persons.

TABLE 23. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
WOLLONGONG STATISTICAL DISTRICT

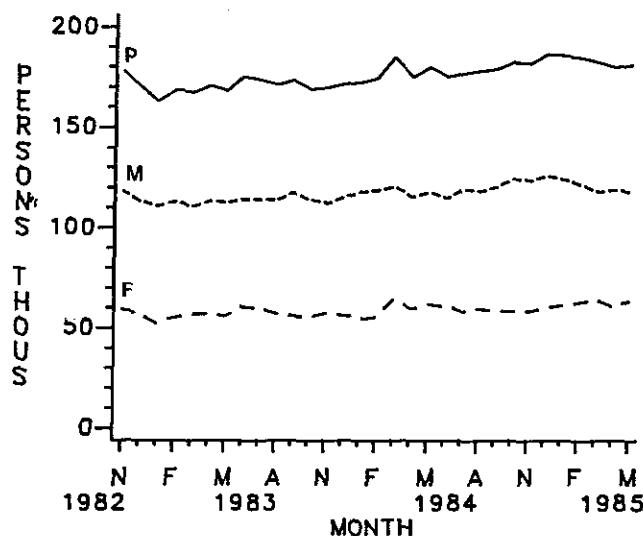
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	55.7	59.5	10.5	11.2	70.7	20.8	15.8	77.3
1984: March	58.3	62.8	9.5	10.2	73.0	20.4	14.0	78.2
April	56.6	60.4	10.5	10.9	71.3	20.3	15.3	77.8
May	58.3	61.7	10.2	10.8	72.5	21.3	14.9	77.3
1985: February	60.6	64.3	9.9	9.9	74.2	22.6	13.3	76.7
March	59.0	63.0	8.8	9.2	72.2	20.2	12.7	78.2
April	58.9	62.4	8.6	8.8	71.3	21.5	12.4	76.8
May	60.5	62.9	9.2	9.4	72.3	23.3	13.0	75.6
FEMALES								
1983: May	18.2	28.5	4.2	6.0	34.5	53.5	17.3	39.2
1984: March	23.9	35.2	2.9	4.6	39.8	53.9	11.7	42.5
April	21.3	31.2	4.3	5.2	36.4	56.2	14.2	39.3
May	20.2	31.6	3.2	4.6	36.2	56.7	12.7	39.0
1985: February	18.8	31.1	5.5	6.2	37.3	56.1	16.5	39.9
March	18.6	30.6	4.8	5.3	35.8	54.9	14.7	39.5
April	18.5	29.4	5.4	6.7	36.0	54.9	18.5	39.6
May	21.6	31.4	5.4	5.4	36.8	56.7	14.8	39.4
PERSONS								
1983: May	73.9	88.0	14.7	17.2	105.2	74.2	16.3	58.6
1984: March	82.2	98.0	12.4	14.9	112.9	74.2	13.2	60.3
April	77.8	91.6	14.8	16.1	107.7	76.5	14.9	58.5
May	78.4	93.3	13.5	15.4	108.7	78.0	14.1	58.2
1985: February	79.4	95.4	15.4	16.0	111.5	78.7	14.4	58.6
March	77.6	93.6	13.5	14.5	108.1	75.1	13.4	59.0
April	77.5	91.8	14.0	15.5	107.3	76.4	14.4	58.4
May	82.1	94.3	14.6	14.9	109.1	80.0	13.6	57.7

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

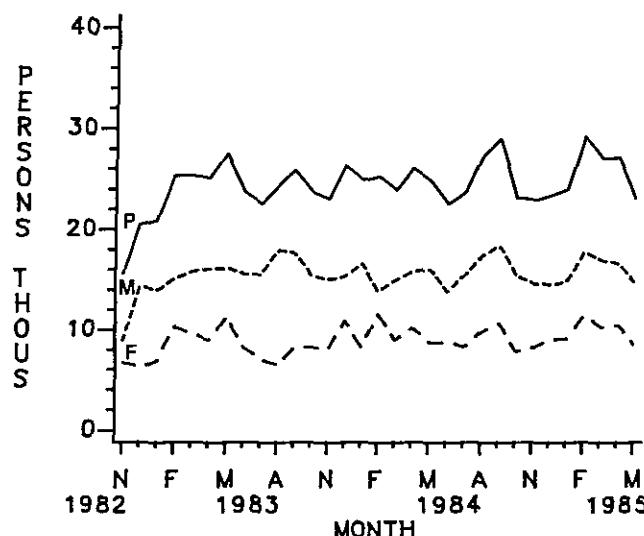
(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

**DIAGRAM 17: ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH-EASTERN
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS**

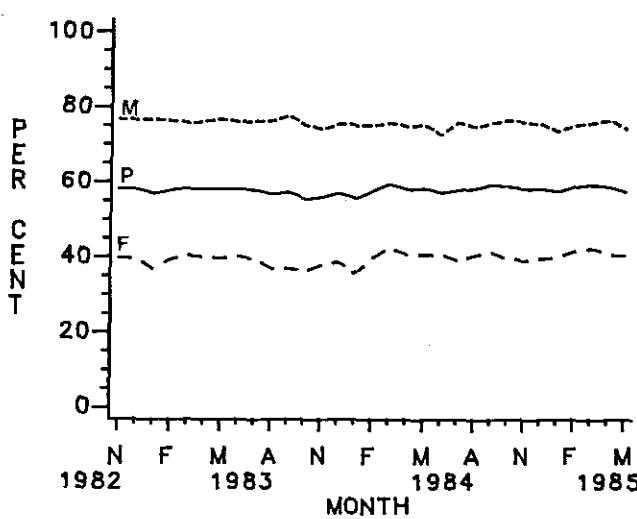
EMPLOYED PERSONS



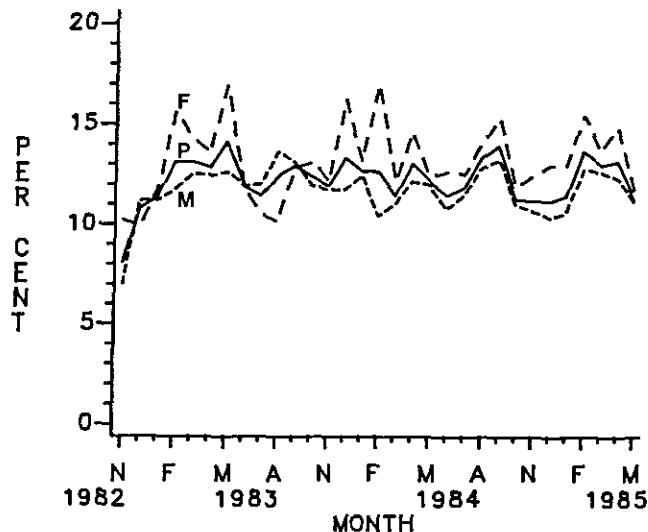
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



PARTICIPATION RATE



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 23,000 and the unemployment rate was 11.2 per cent. These estimates were significantly below those in February 1985 of 29,100 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 13.6 per cent, but were little different to those in May 1984 of 24,700 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 12.1 per cent.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 181,300, which was little different to the estimates in February 1985 of 184,400 persons and in May 1984 of 179,900 persons.

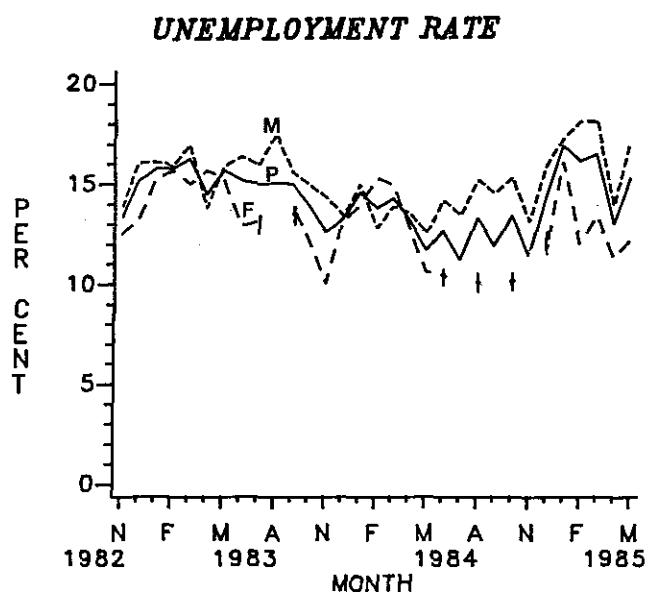
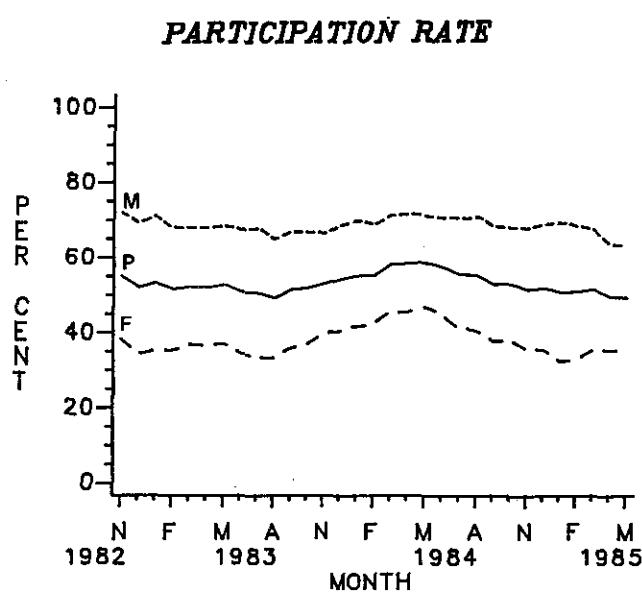
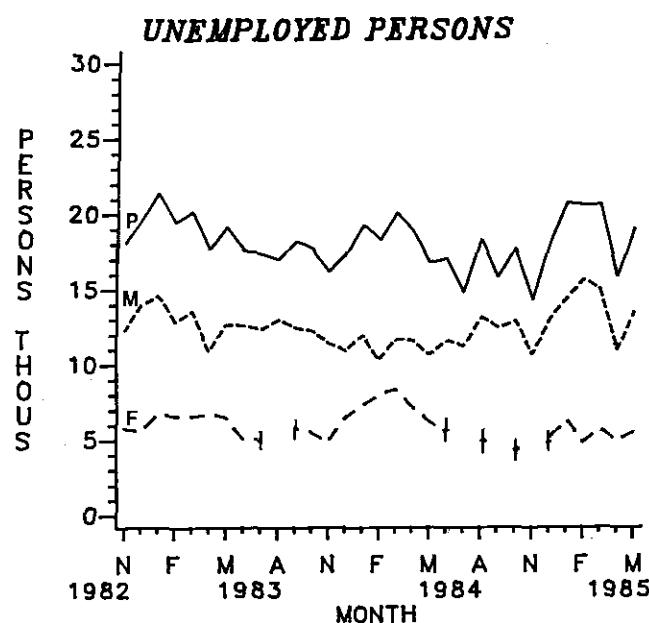
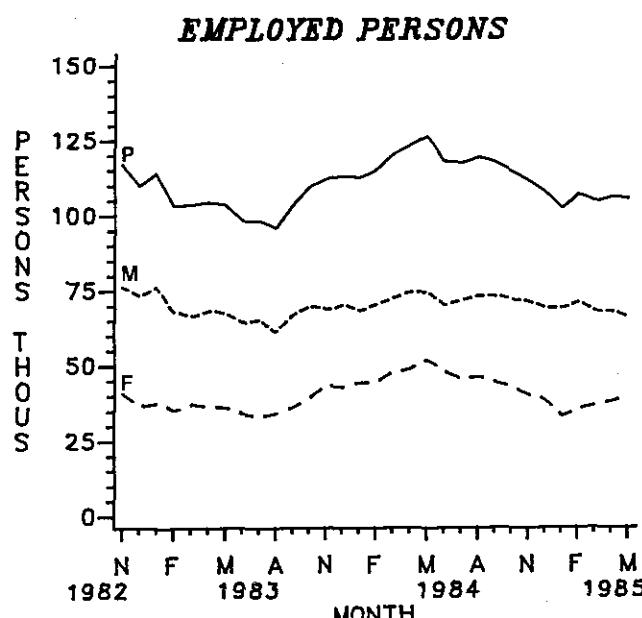
TABLE 24. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
	MALES							
1983: May	105.1	112.1	15.3	16.1	128.2	39.1	12.6	76.6
1984: March	111.2	120.3	14.2	14.9	135.2	43.6	11.0	75.6
April	107.9	115.2	15.4	15.8	131.0	44.5	12.1	74.6
May	110.7	117.8	15.2	16.0	133.8	43.9	11.9	75.3
1985: February	113.9	121.5	17.7	17.7	139.1	45.7	12.7	75.3
March	109.8	117.7	16.3	16.8	134.4	42.6	12.5	75.9
April	112.5	119.0	16.3	16.5	135.6	41.6	12.2	76.5
May	112.3	117.4	13.9	14.6	132.0	46.1	11.1	74.1
FEMALES								
1983: May	33.8	55.8	8.4	11.3	67.2	101.7	16.9	39.8
1984: March	42.8	64.5	5.7	8.9	73.4	98.9	12.1	42.6
April	39.6	59.8	7.9	10.2	70.0	102.5	14.6	40.6
May	38.3	62.1	6.9	8.7	70.8	102.6	12.3	40.8
1985: February	36.7	62.9	9.4	11.4	74.4	104.0	15.4	41.7
March	38.0	64.5	8.5	10.2	74.7	101.2	13.6	42.5
April	36.7	60.6	8.2	10.5	71.1	103.6	14.8	40.7
May	43.0	63.9	7.3	8.4	72.3	106.0	11.6	40.5
PERSONS								
1983: May	138.9	167.9	23.7	27.5	195.4	140.8	14.1	58.1
1984: March	154.0	184.8	19.9	23.8	208.6	142.5	11.4	59.4
April	147.5	175.0	23.3	26.0	201.0	147.1	13.0	57.8
May	149.0	179.9	22.1	24.7	204.6	146.5	12.1	58.3
1985: February	150.6	184.4	27.1	29.1	213.5	149.7	13.6	58.8
March	147.8	182.2	24.9	26.9	209.1	143.8	12.9	59.3
April	149.2	179.6	24.5	27.0	206.7	145.2	13.1	58.7
May	155.2	181.3	21.2	23.0	204.3	152.2	11.2	57.3

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 18: RICHMOND-TWEED AND MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS



Note: Breaks in lines indicate that the estimate for the period is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of unemployed persons was 19,000 and the unemployment rate was 15.3 per cent. The estimate of the number of persons unemployed was not significantly different to that in February 1985 of 20,500 and in May 1984 of 16,800. The May 1985 estimate of the unemployment rate was also not significantly different from that in February 1985 of 16.1 per cent. However, because of the large decrease (21,100) in the number of persons employed between May 1984 and May 1985, there has been a significant increase in the unemployment rate when the estimate in May 1985 of 15.3 percent is compared with that in May 1984 of 11.7 per cent. This region continued to record the highest unemployment rate in New South Wales in most months. In contrast to the majority of regions, the unemployment rate for males in this region is higher than that for females in most months.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 105,100, which was little different from the estimate in February 1985 of 106,500 persons, but 21,100 lower than the May 1984 estimate of 126,200 persons.
- The labour force participation rate for this region has decreased significantly since May 1984 and continues to be the lowest in New South Wales. The participation rate in May 1985 was 49.5 per cent compared with a rate of 58.9 per cent in May 1984. This was caused by a significant decrease in the number of persons in the labour force and a similar increase over the same period in the number of persons not in the labour force. This movement has occurred for both males and females but the movement of females from the labour force to not in the labour force has been larger than that for males.

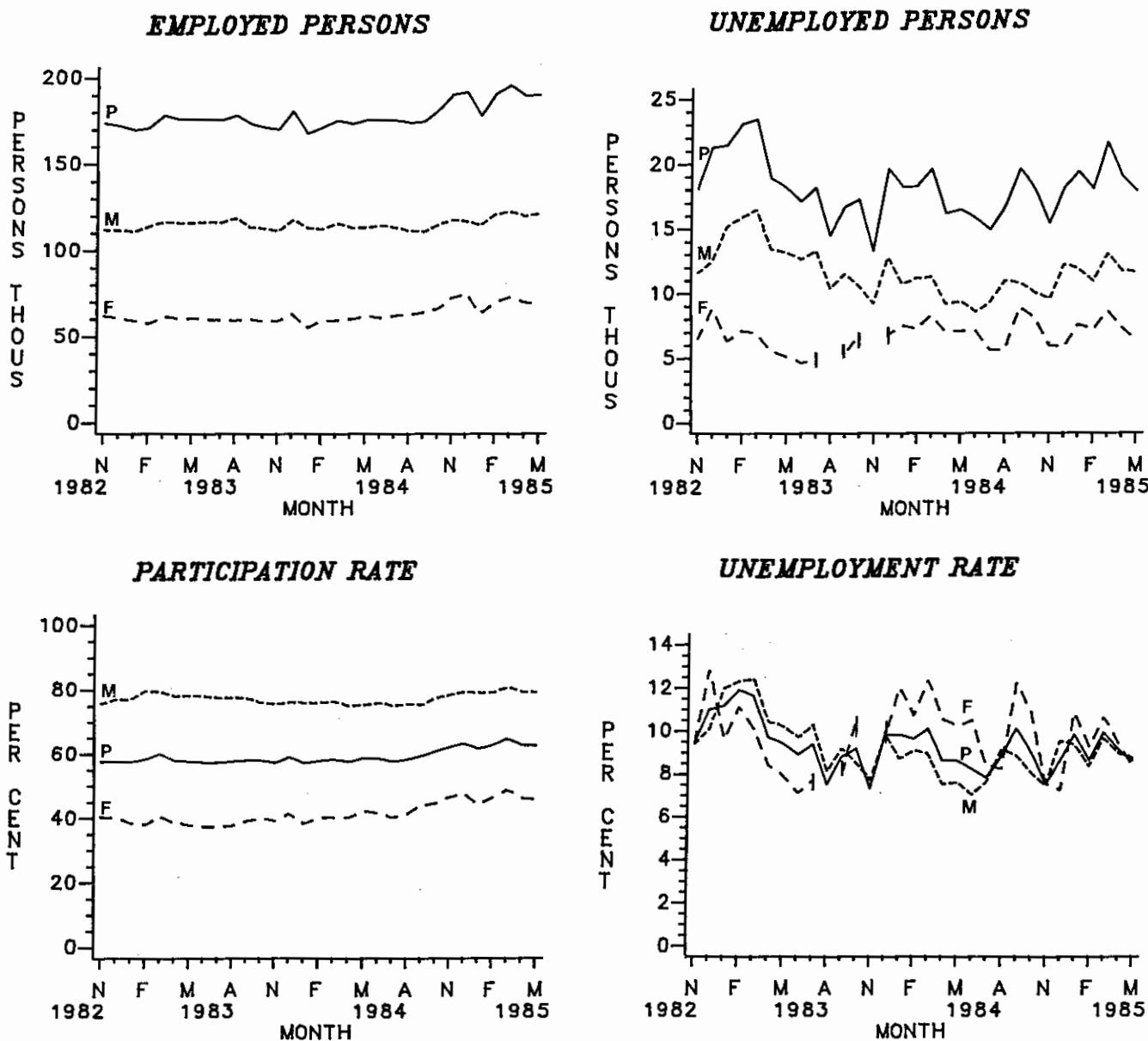
TABLE 25. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
RICHMOND-TWEED AND MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	61.6	67.2	12.7	12.7	79.9	36.6	15.9	68.6
1984: March	67.4	72.2	11.7	11.7	83.9	33.3	13.9	71.6
April	68.7	74.3	11.6	11.6	85.9	33.5	13.5	71.9
May	68.5	74.2	9.9	10.6	84.8	34.3	12.5	71.2
1985: February	65.1	70.9	15.6	15.6	86.5	39.7	18.1	68.5
March	60.1	67.6	14.7	14.9	82.5	39.7	18.1	67.5
April	60.9	67.7	10.7	10.9	78.7	45.3	13.9	63.5
May	59.5	65.5	12.5	13.5	79.0	45.2	17.1	63.6
FEMALES								
1983: May	20.6	36.2	5.4	6.5	42.7	72.1	15.2	37.2
1984: March	29.1	47.8	6.3	8.4	56.2	66.8	14.9	45.7
April	28.4	48.9	6.3	7.2	56.1	66.7	12.8	45.7
May	30.6	52.0	5.0	6.2	58.2	65.4	10.6	47.1
1985: February	21.7	35.6	4.2	4.8	40.5	81.8	12.0	33.1
March	21.7	36.8	*	5.7	42.5	76.5	13.4	35.7
April	23.8	38.2	*	4.9	43.0	78.4	11.3	35.4
May	25.3	39.7	4.6	5.5	45.2	81.4	12.2	35.7
PERSONS								
1983: May	82.2	103.4	18.1	19.2	122.6	108.7	15.7	53.0
1984: March	96.4	120.0	18.0	20.1	140.1	100.0	14.3	58.3
April	97.0	123.2	17.9	18.8	142.0	100.3	13.2	58.6
May	99.1	126.2	14.9	16.8	143.0	99.7	11.7	58.9
1985: February	86.8	106.5	19.9	20.5	127.0	121.6	16.1	51.1
March	81.8	104.4	18.4	20.6	125.0	116.2	16.5	51.8
April	84.7	105.9	14.5	15.8	121.7	123.7	13.0	49.6
May	84.9	105.1	17.1	19.0	124.1	126.6	15.3	49.5

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 19: NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN AND CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS



Note: Breaks in lines indicate that the estimate for the period is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 17,900 and the unemployment rate was 8.6 per cent. These estimates were little different to those in February 1985 of 18,000 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 8.6 per cent, and in May 1984 of 16,500 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 8.6 per cent.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 190,500, which was little different to the estimate in February 1985 of 190,700 persons, but was a significant increase over that in May 1984 of 176,000 persons. This movement mainly involved an increase in the number of full-time workers (both male and female).
- The labour force participation rate has also increased significantly, from 58.9 per cent in May 1984 to 62.7 per cent in May 1985. This has been caused by the movement of persons not in the labour force to the labour force (and generally into the employed category).

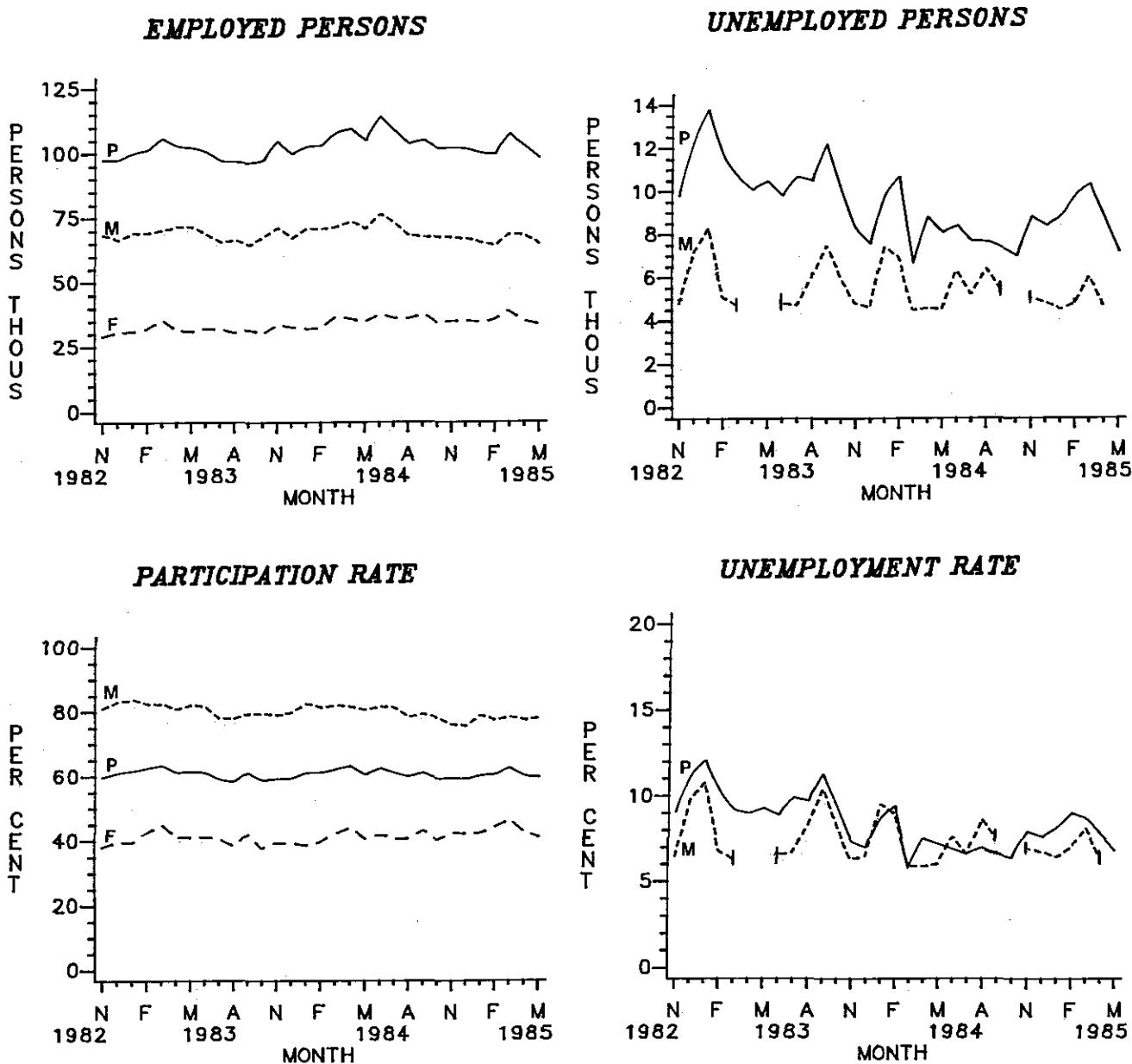
TABLE 26. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN AND CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
MALES								
1983: May	110.6	115.8	12.7	13.1	128.9	35.9	10.2	78.2
1984: March	108.3	115.9	10.9	11.3	127.2	39.3	8.9	76.4
April	106.0	113.0	8.7	9.2	122.2	40.8	7.5	75.0
May	106.4	113.4	9.1	9.4	122.8	40.0	7.6	75.4
1985: February	111.5	120.8	10.9	10.9	131.8	34.9	8.3	79.1
March	116.2	122.7	12.7	13.0	135.7	32.2	9.6	80.8
April	112.0	119.8	11.5	11.7	131.5	34.4	8.9	79.3
May	113.9	121.7	11.4	11.6	133.3	35.0	8.7	79.2
FEMALES								
1983: May	35.4	60.3	4.3	5.1	65.5	106.5	7.9	38.1
1984: March	34.7	59.5	7.0	8.3	67.8	100.1	12.3	40.4
April	33.0	60.2	5.5	7.0	67.2	99.5	10.5	40.3
May	33.6	62.6	6.2	7.1	69.8	94.6	10.2	42.5
1985: February	41.4	69.9	5.9	7.1	77.0	88.9	9.2	46.4
March	44.0	73.0	5.9	8.6	81.6	85.6	10.6	48.8
April	41.5	69.7	4.6	7.3	76.9	89.1	9.4	46.3
May	40.7	68.8	4.5	6.3	75.1	88.8	8.3	45.8
PERSONS								
1983: May	146.0	176.1	16.9	18.2	194.4	142.4	9.4	57.7
1984: March	143.0	175.4	17.9	19.6	195.0	139.4	10.1	58.3
April	139.0	173.2	14.2	16.2	189.4	140.3	8.6	57.4
May	140.0	176.0	15.4	16.5	192.6	134.6	8.6	58.9
1985: February	152.9	190.7	16.8	18.0	208.7	123.7	8.6	62.8
March	160.1	195.7	18.7	21.6	217.4	117.7	9.9	64.9
April	153.5	189.5	16.1	19.0	208.5	123.5	9.1	62.8
May	154.5	190.5	15.9	17.9	208.3	123.8	8.6	62.7

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

DIAGRAM 20: MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS



Note: Breaks in lines indicate that the estimate for the period is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- In May 1985, the number of persons unemployed was 7,200 and the unemployment rate was 6.8 per cent. These estimates represented a significant decrease from the estimates in February 1985 of 9,800 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 9.0 per cent, but were little different to those in May 1984 of 8,100 unemployed persons and an unemployment rate of 7.2 per cent. This region, in most months, had the lowest unemployment rate in New South Wales after the Northern Sydney Subdivision.
- The number of employed persons in May 1985 was 98,200, which was little different to the estimate in February 1985 of 99,600 persons, but slightly lower than that in May 1984 of 105,000 persons. This decrease was mainly caused by a drop in the number of persons employed part-time.

TABLE 27. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force ('000)	Not in labour force ('000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
	Full-time workers ('000)	Total ('000)	Looking for full-time work ('000)	Total ('000)				
	MALES							
1983: May	66.1	71.4	*	*	75.4	16.3	*	82.2
1984: March	68.2	71.5	4.5	4.5	76.0	16.7	5.9	82.0
April	68.2	73.5	4.6	4.6	78.1	17.7	5.9	81.5
May	67.1	70.5	*	4.5	75.1	18.0	6.0	80.6
1985: February	59.1	64.1	4.6	4.8	68.9	20.1	7.0	77.5
March	63.3	68.6	5.6	6.0	74.7	20.6	8.1	78.4
April	64.1	68.0	*	4.6	72.6	21.2	6.3	77.4
May	62.1	64.8	*	*	69.2	19.1	*	78.3
FEMALES								
1983: May	19.9	30.9	5.8	6.5	37.4	53.6	17.4	41.1
1984: March	19.0	36.4	*	*	38.6	52.5	*	42.4
April	16.7	35.9	*	*	40.1	50.9	*	44.1
May	16.6	34.5	*	*	38.0	55.2	*	40.8
1985: February	21.0	35.5	*	5.0	40.5	50.8	12.4	44.4
March	22.4	38.9	*	*	43.2	49.4	*	46.7
April	19.3	34.7	*	*	38.8	52.1	*	42.7
May	19.0	33.5	*	*	36.3	51.6	*	41.3
PERSONS								
1983: May	86.0	102.2	9.6	10.5	112.8	69.9	9.3	61.7
1984: March	87.2	107.9	6.0	6.7	114.6	69.2	5.8	62.3
April	84.9	109.4	8.0	8.8	118.3	68.6	7.5	63.3
May	83.6	105.0	6.5	8.1	113.1	73.2	7.2	60.7
1985: February	80.1	99.6	8.4	9.8	109.4	70.9	9.0	60.7
March	85.7	107.6	8.4	10.3	117.9	69.9	8.7	62.8
April	83.3	102.7	7.3	8.7	111.4	73.3	7.8	60.3
May	81.1	98.2	6.0	7.2	105.4	70.7	6.8	59.9

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

TABLE 28. EMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, CENTRAL SYDNEY, INNER WESTERN SYDNEY AND SOUTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985			
	Persons		Males ('000)	Females ('000)	Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)			Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -						
Married	325.4	54.7	204.6	128.2	332.9	56.5
Not married	269.7	45.3	146.1	109.7	255.8	43.5
Age (years) -						
15-19	46.0	7.7	20.7	19.1	39.8	6.8
20-24	88.7	14.9	45.3	40.3	85.6	14.5
25-34	160.2	26.9	97.0	66.1	163.1	27.7
35-44	128.5	21.6	78.8	57.1	135.9	23.1
45-54	103.6	17.4	63.4	35.9	99.4	16.9
55-59	41.1	6.9	24.9	12.4	37.3	6.3
60-64	18.5	3.1	14.2	4.6	18.8	3.2
65 and over	8.4	1.4	6.4	*	8.8	1.5
Birthplace -						
Australia	366.3	61.6	205.0	152.4	357.4	60.7
Main English speaking countries (a)	70.9	11.9	45.8	30.3	76.1	12.9
Other countries	157.9	26.5	100.0	55.2	155.1	26.4
Full-time and part-time status -						
Full-time	500.1	84.0	327.9	172.0	499.8	84.9
Part-time	94.9	16.0	22.9	65.9	88.8	15.1
Status of worker (b) -						
Wage and salary earners	534.1	89.8	306.8	219.8	526.6	89.5
Employers and self-employed	60.0	10.1	43.9	17.5	61.4	10.4
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	122.4	20.6	82.1	36.5	118.6	20.1
Construction	32.4	5.4	29.7	5.3	35.0	5.9
Wholesale and retail trade	116.3	19.5	63.3	51.0	114.3	19.4
Transport and storage	46.9	7.9	37.9	9.5	47.5	8.1
Finance, etc.	71.0	11.9	37.8	37.0	74.8	12.7
Community services (c)	97.0	16.3	38.2	59.1	97.3	16.5
Other industries (d)	107.8	18.1	60.7	39.4	100.1	17.0
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	100.5	16.9	54.1	43.8	97.8	16.6
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	178.6	30.0	83.3	107.7	190.9	32.4
Sales	51.9	8.7	26.8	24.5	51.3	8.7
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	*	*	4.0	*	5.1	0.9
Transport and communication	32.4	5.5	26.9	4.0	30.9	5.2
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	163.5	27.5	131.3	26.9	158.2	26.9
Service, sport and recreation	64.2	10.8	24.4	30.0	54.4	9.2
Total employed	595.0	100.0	350.7	237.9	588.6	100.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Excludes unpaid family helpers. (c) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (d) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services.

TABLE 29. EMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, WESTERN SYDNEY AND SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985			
	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -						
Married	330.9	68.5	210.7	110.7	321.4	66.1
Not married	152.2	31.5	96.3	68.7	165.0	33.9
Age (years) -						
15-19	49.3	10.2	27.6	23.4	51.0	10.5
20-24	66.2	13.7	35.2	33.8	69.0	14.2
25-34	128.5	26.6	86.8	44.7	131.6	27.1
35-44	125.8	26.0	80.0	45.2	125.2	25.7
45-54	79.1	16.4	47.5	25.2	72.8	15.0
55-59	25.0	5.2	19.7	5.6	25.3	5.2
60-64	8.1	1.7	7.5	*	8.3	1.7
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*
Birthplace -						
Australia	322.0	66.7	202.5	128.1	330.5	68.0
Main English speaking countries (a)	66.0	13.7	35.4	21.6	57.1	11.7
Other countries	95.0	19.7	69.1	29.7	98.8	20.3
Full-time and part-time status -						
Full-time	410.4	85.0	292.6	119.6	412.2	84.7
Part-time	72.7	15.0	14.4	59.8	74.2	15.3
Status of worker (b) -						
Wage and salary earners	433.4	89.7	267.7	162.9	430.6	88.5
Employers and self-employed	48.4	10.0	39.1	15.2	54.3	11.2
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	9.3	1.9	5.9	3.6	9.5	2.0
Manufacturing	125.5	26.0	81.0	28.0	109.0	22.4
Construction	37.1	7.7	34.2	4.6	38.8	8.0
Wholesale and retail trade	96.4	20.0	66.7	43.8	110.5	22.7
Transport and storage	29.5	6.1	25.4	*	28.2	5.8
Finance, etc.	53.6	11.1	25.0	27.1	52.1	10.7
Community services (c)	66.7	13.8	26.5	43.1	69.7	14.3
Other industries (d)	64.9	13.4	42.3	26.3	68.6	14.1
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	64.6	13.4	31.5	27.6	59.1	12.2
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	135.2	28.0	54.7	83.2	137.9	28.3
Sales	36.4	7.5	20.9	25.2	46.1	9.5
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	14.2	2.9	8.3	3.6	12.0	2.5
Transport and communication	28.1	5.8	22.4	*	24.6	5.1
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	163.5	33.9	152.1	17.5	169.6	34.9
Service, sport and recreation	41.0	8.5	17.1	20.1	37.2	7.6
Total employed	483.0	100.0	307.0	179.4	486.4	100.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Excludes unpaid family helpers. (c) includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (d) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services.

TABLE 30. EMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, NORTHERN SYDNEY AND GOSFORD-WYONG SUBDIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985			
	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)			Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -						
Married	232.4	61.0	149.6	89.3	238.9	57.8
Not married	148.5	39.0	92.0	82.7	174.6	42.2
Age (years) -						
15-19	24.8	6.5	18.5	18.0	36.5	8.8
20-24	54.9	14.4	26.8	27.7	54.5	13.2
25-34	100.9	26.5	59.5	42.9	102.4	24.8
35-44	96.3	25.3	61.6	41.2	102.8	24.9
45-54	60.2	15.8	41.7	24.7	66.5	16.1
55-59	25.3	6.6	18.1	9.0	27.1	6.6
60-64	10.8	2.8	10.1	6.8	16.9	4.1
65 and over	7.7	2.0	5.1	*	6.8	1.6
Birthplace -						
Australia	278.8	73.2	177.1	131.9	309.0	74.7
Main English speaking countries (a)	58.4	15.3	32.8	23.2	56.0	13.5
Other countries	43.7	11.5	31.6	16.8	48.4	11.7
Full-time and part-time status -						
Full-time	306.1	80.4	223.0	110.3	333.3	80.6
Part-time	74.8	19.6	18.5	61.6	80.2	19.4
Status of worker (b) -						
Wage and salary earners	335.5	88.1	207.4	155.1	362.5	87.7
Employers and self-employed	44.7	11.7	33.9	16.2	50.1	12.1
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	*	*	4.2	1.0
Manufacturing	50.9	13.4	35.8	14.8	50.6	12.2
Construction	26.8	7.0	25.4	4.8	30.2	7.3
Wholesale and retail trade	75.3	19.8	49.2	41.8	91.0	22.0
Transport and storage	19.7	5.2	16.8	*	20.0	4.8
Finance, etc.	70.6	18.5	44.5	32.6	77.1	18.7
Community services (c)	70.0	18.4	29.9	45.4	75.3	18.2
Other industries (d)	64.3	16.9	37.1	28.0	65.1	15.7
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	97.7	25.6	57.4	35.9	93.2	22.5
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	129.0	33.9	68.5	83.3	151.8	36.7
Sales	33.2	8.7	18.7	18.7	37.4	9.1
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	8.3	2.2	5.6	*	7.2	1.7
Transport and communication	13.6	3.6	12.5	*	14.6	3.5
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	68.1	17.9	65.8	8.4	74.2	17.9
Service, sport and recreation	31.0	8.1	13.2	21.9	35.0	8.5
Total employed	380.9	100.0	241.5	171.9	413.5	100.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Excludes unpaid family helpers. (c) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (d) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services.

TABLE 31. EMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, HUNTER, ILLAWARRA, RICHMOND-TWEED, MID-NORTH COAST AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985		Persons	
	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -						
Married	324.4	65.6	211.3	104.5	315.8	64.8
Not married	170.4	34.4	103.9	67.9	171.8	35.2
Age (years) -						
15-19	48.6	9.8	24.8	22.9	47.6	9.8
20-24	63.8	12.9	41.0	28.3	69.3	14.2
25-34	129.3	26.1	84.2	43.5	127.7	26.2
35-44	121.3	24.5	80.3	43.8	124.1	25.5
45-54	82.5	16.7	54.4	24.8	79.2	16.2
55-59	33.0	6.7	17.2	5.4	22.6	4.6
60-64	12.7	2.6	10.1	*	12.8	2.6
65 and over	3.6	0.7	*	*	4.3	0.9
Birthplace -						
Australia	427.8	86.5	269.3	148.6	417.9	85.7
Main English speaking countries (a)	35.9	7.3	22.4	14.1	36.5	7.5
Other countries	31.0	6.3	23.5	9.7	33.2	6.8
Full-time and part-time status -						
Full-time	409.9	82.8	297.6	111.4	409.0	83.9
Part-time	84.9	17.2	17.7	60.9	78.6	16.1
Status of worker (b) -						
Wage and salary earners	402.3	81.3	255.7	146.7	402.5	82.5
Employers and self-employed	89.0	18.0	58.7	25.4	84.1	17.3
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	35.0	7.1	24.3	10.4	34.7	7.1
Manufacturing	84.1	17.0	81.1	15.6	96.8	19.8
Construction	43.0	8.7	30.0	*	32.0	6.6
Wholesale and retail trade	98.0	19.8	53.8	46.4	100.2	20.5
Transport and storage	24.6	5.0	24.4	4.6	29.0	6.0
Finance, etc.	33.7	6.8	15.4	15.0	30.4	6.2
Community services (c)	74.3	15.0	26.2	48.4	74.6	15.3
Other industries (d)	102.0	20.6	59.9	29.9	89.8	18.4
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	58.6	11.8	30.4	27.3	57.6	11.8
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	105.3	21.3	38.0	57.5	95.5	19.6
Sales	50.2	10.1	18.5	27.1	45.7	9.4
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	48.7	9.8	37.9	10.5	48.4	9.9
Transport and communication	26.2	5.3	26.2	6.6	32.9	6.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	155.9	31.5	149.7	12.7	162.5	33.3
Service, sport and recreation	49.9	10.1	14.4	30.6	45.0	9.2
Total employed	494.8	100.0	315.2	172.4	487.6	100.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Excludes unpaid family helpers. (c) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (d) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services.

TABLE 32. EMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN, CENTRAL WEST, MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985		May 1985	
	Persons		Males		Females	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -						
Married	185.7	66.1	130.6	69.4	200.0	69.3
Not married	95.4	33.9	55.9	32.8	88.7	30.7
Age (years) -						
15-19	26.5	9.4	14.4	9.4	23.8	8.2
20-24	43.5	15.5	21.2	14.1	35.4	12.3
25-34	70.3	25.0	49.3	24.2	73.5	25.5
35-44	59.2	21.1	41.4	25.8	67.3	23.3
45-54	47.4	16.9	34.1	17.6	51.7	17.9
55-59	18.4	6.5	14.3	4.9	19.2	6.6
60-64	7.9	2.8	5.1	*	9.3	3.2
65 and over	7.9	2.8	6.7	*	8.7	3.0
Birthplace -						
Australia	262.5	93.4	172.7	96.5	269.2	93.2
Main English speaking countries (a)	8.3	3.0	7.1	*	10.2	3.5
Other countries	10.2	3.6	6.6	*	9.3	3.2
Full-time and part-time status -						
Full-time	223.6	79.6	175.9	59.7	235.6	81.6
Part-time	57.4	20.4	10.5	42.6	53.1	18.4
Status of worker (b) -						
Wage and salary earners	211.6	75.3	131.7	75.7	207.4	71.8
Employers and self-employed	66.0	23.5	53.6	25.0	78.6	27.2
Industry division -						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	72.0	25.6	45.7	16.1	61.8	21.4
Manufacturing	22.0	7.8	23.9	5.0	28.9	10.0
Construction	14.5	5.1	18.5	*	21.3	7.4
Wholesale and retail trade	50.2	17.9	33.8	23.7	57.5	19.9
Transport and storage	15.9	5.6	14.0	*	16.9	5.9
Finance, etc.	14.7	5.2	8.1	7.1	15.2	5.3
Community services (c)	40.2	14.3	13.1	24.6	37.7	13.1
Other industries (d)	51.6	18.4	29.3	20.0	49.3	17.1
Major occupation group -						
Professional, technical, etc.	30.4	10.8	14.8	14.2	29.0	10.0
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	44.1	15.7	22.8	32.8	55.6	19.3
Sales	20.9	7.4	10.2	12.6	22.8	7.9
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, miners, etc.	73.9	26.3	50.7	14.8	65.5	22.7
Transport and communication	19.1	6.8	13.8	*	15.4	5.3
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	65.9	23.4	66.3	4.7	71.0	24.6
Service, sport and recreation	26.6	9.5	7.7	21.7	29.4	10.2
Total employed	281.0	100.0	186.4	102.3	288.7	100.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, United States of America, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Excludes unpaid family helpers. (c) Includes Education, Health Services, Law and Order, and Religious and Social Welfare Services. (d) Comprises Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Communication, Public Administration and Defence, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services.

TABLE 33. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, CENTRAL SYDNEY, INNER WESTERN SYDNEY AND SOUTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985	
	Persons		Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -				
Married	22.9	36.3	20.1	35.4
Not married	40.2	63.7	36.6	64.6
Age (years) -				
15-24	23.1	36.7	23.4	41.2
25-34	18.3	29.0	16.9	29.8
35-44	11.9	18.8	7.3	12.9
45 and over	9.8	15.5	9.1	16.0
Birthplace -				
Australia	29.2	46.4	29.5	52.0
Main English speaking countries (a)	6.3	9.9	4.6	8.1
Other countries	27.5	43.7	22.6	39.9
Full-time and part-time status -				
Looking for full-time work	54.9	87.1	48.8	86.0
Looking for part-time work	8.1	12.9	7.9	14.0
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -				
Under 13	16.4	26.0	18.5	32.7
13 and under 39	20.7	32.8	17.2	30.3
39 and under 104	15.7	24.9	9.2	16.2
104 and over	10.3	16.3	11.8	20.8
Had worked for 2 weeks or more in a full-time job in the last 2 years	37.1	58.9	27.9	49.2
Industry division -				
Manufacturing	8.6	13.7	7.8	13.7
Wholesale and retail trade	8.6	13.7	7.2	12.6
Other Industries (b)	19.9	31.5	13.0	22.9
Major occupation group -				
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	5.9	9.4	3.9	6.9
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	16.8	26.6	12.8	22.6
Other occupations (c)	14.4	22.8	11.2	19.8
Looking for first job	9.9	15.6	8.8	15.6
Had not worked full-time for 2 weeks or more in the last 2 years but had at some time in the past	15.8	25.1	19.7	34.8
Stood down (d)	*	*	*	*
Total, unemployed - males	39.6	62.8	35.8	63.1
- females	23.5	37.2	20.9	36.9
- persons	63.0	100.0	56.7	100.0

(a) See footnote (a), Table 32. (b) Comprises Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Construction, Transport and Storage, Communication, Finance, Property and Business Services, Public Administration and Defence, Community Services, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services. (c) Comprises Professional, Technical, etc., Sales, Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters, Miners, etc., Transport and Communication, and Service, Sport and Recreation. (d) See Explanatory Note 8 (c) 11.

TABLE 34. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, WESTERN SYDNEY
AND SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985	
	Persons		Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -				
Married	22.2	41.4	23.0	42.9
Not married	31.4	58.6	30.6	57.1
Age (years) -				
15-24	26.5	49.4	24.8	46.3
25-34	11.8	22.0	11.5	21.4
35-44	8.3	15.5	9.8	18.3
45 and over	7.0	13.1	7.5	13.9
Birthplace -				
Australia	31.0	57.8	32.5	60.7
Main English speaking countries (a)	5.0	9.3	4.3	8.0
Other countries	17.6	32.9	16.7	31.3
Full-time and part-time status -				
Looking for full-time work	46.3	86.4	47.2	88.1
Looking for part-time work	7.3	13.6	6.4	11.9
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -				
Under 13	14.0	26.1	14.1	26.4
13 and under 39	17.2	32.1	16.0	29.9
39 and under 104	13.4	24.9	13.7	25.5
104 and over	9.1	16.9	9.8	18.2
Had worked for 2 weeks or more in a full-time job in the last 2 years	28.8	53.8	28.8	53.9
Industry division -				
Manufacturing	10.9	20.4	6.7	12.4
Wholesale and retail trade	6.5	12.1	6.9	12.9
Other industries (b)	11.4	21.3	15.3	28.5
Major occupation group -				
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	4.7	8.7	4.2	7.8
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	14.8	27.5	14.5	27.1
Other occupations (c)	9.4	17.5	10.1	18.9
Looking for first job	9.3	17.4	8.4	15.7
Had not worked full-time for 2 weeks or more in the last 2 years but had at some time in the past	15.3	28.4	15.8	29.6
Stood down (d)	*	*	*	*
Total, unemployed - males	31.9	59.5	31.9	59.6
- females	21.7	40.5	21.6	40.4
- persons	53.6	100.0	53.5	100.0

(a) See footnote (a), Table 32. (b) Comprises Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Construction, Transport and Storage, Communication, Finance, Property and Business Services, Public Administration and Defence, Community Services, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services. (c) Comprises Professional, Technical, etc., Sales, Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters, Miners, etc., Transport and Communication, and Service, Sport and Recreation. (d) See Explanatory Note 8 (c) ii.

TABLE 37. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN, CENTRAL WEST, MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Characteristics	May 1984		May 1985	
	Persons		Persons	
	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)	Number ('000)	Proportion (per cent)
Marital status -				
Married	10.6	42.9	9.5	38.0
Not married	14.1	57.1	15.5	62.0
Age (years) -				
15-24	13.5	54.6	14.1	56.2
25-34	4.9	20.1	5.4	21.5
35-44	*	*	*	*
45 and over	*	*	*	*
Birthplace -				
Australia	22.8	92.6	24.0	95.7
Main English speaking countries (a)	*	*	*	*
Other countries	*	*	*	*
Full-time and part-time status -				
Looking for full-time work	21.9	88.9	21.8	87.1
Looking for part-time work	*	*	*	*
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -				
Under 13	6.8	27.5	8.5	33.9
13 and under 39	8.2	33.3	7.5	30.0
39 and under 104	6.0	24.3	*	*
104 and over	*	*	4.8	19.1
Had worked for 2 weeks or more in a full-time job in the last 2 years	13.5	54.9	13.6	54.4
Industry division -				
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*
Wholesale and retail trade	*	*	*	*
Other industries (b)	7.7	31.1	8.6	34.3
Major occupation group -				
Administrative, executive, managerial and clerical	*	*	*	*
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c.	4.9	20.0	6.0	24.1
Other occupations (c)	6.5	26.6	6.6	26.4
Looking for first job	*	*	4.4	17.4
Had not worked full-time for 2 weeks or more in the last 2 years but had at some time in the past	7.6	30.8	6.4	25.6
Stood down (d)	*	*	*	*
Total, unemployed - males	13.9	56.5	16.0	63.8
- females	10.7	43.5	9.1	36.2
- persons	24.6	100.0	25.1	100.0

(a) See footnote (a), Table 32. (b) Comprises Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water, Construction, Transport and Storage, Communication, Finance, Property and Business Services, Public Administration and Defence, Community Services, and Recreation, Personal and Other Services. (c) Comprises Professional, Technical, etc., Sales, Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters, Miners, etc., Transport and Communication, and Service, Sport and Recreation. (d) See Explanatory Note 8 (c) 11.

TECHNICAL NOTEEstimation procedure

1. The labour force estimates are derived from the monthly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure. This procedure ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The sampling error is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, the estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the relative standard error.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors of estimates derived from the survey and of monthly, quarterly and annual movements (except those movements spanning September/October 1982), for New South Wales and for each region of New South Wales, can be determined by using the following table. Details of the standard errors of monthly, quarterly and annual movements spanning September/October 1982 were published in the November 1983 issue of this publication.

4. The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

5. As the standard errors in the following table show, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most practical purposes. In the tables in this publication, estimates with a relative standard error of greater than 25 per cent and percentages based on such estimates have not been included and have been replaced with an asterisk (*). Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements is also given in the following table. The estimates of standard errors of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive quarters (quarterly movements), corresponding months of consecutive years (annual movements) and other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated. Standard errors of quarterly movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures shown in column 3 of the following table by 1.5. Standard errors of all annual movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures shown in column 1 of the table by 1.3. When using the table to calculate standard errors of movements, refer to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived.

7. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below.

(a) From column 1 of the following table, it can be seen that the estimate of 141,600 unemployed males in New South Wales in May 1985 (see Table 1) has a standard error of approximately 4,400 (by interpolation). There are about two chances in three that the true figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 137,200 to 146,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 132,800 to 150,400.

Published estimate

132,800	137,200	141,600	146,000	150,400
↔				
2 chances in 3 that, if all dwellings included, the value is in this range				
↔				
19 chances in 20 that, if all dwellings included, the value is in this range				

(b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males in New South Wales from April 1985 to May 1985 is an increase of 7,200 (see Table 1). Column 3 in the following table can be used to determine the standard error of the monthly movement for the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case, the May 1985 estimate (141,600) is the larger. From column 3 for New South Wales, it can be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is approximately 3,400 (by interpolation). There are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been in the range +3,800 to +10,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been in the range +400 to +14,000.

Estimated movement

400	3,800	7,200	10,600	14,000
↔				
2 chances in 3 that, if all dwellings included, the movement is in this range				
↔				
19 chances in 20 that, if all dwellings included, the movement is in this range				

8. The standard errors of estimates relating to agricultural employment are generally somewhat higher than the standard errors of other estimates of the same magnitude.

9. The relative standard errors of estimates of average duration of unemployment are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see column 2 in the following table) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by 1.3.

10. The reliability of an estimated percentage or rate, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a percentage or rate is given below:

$$RSE(x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 + [RSE(y)]^2}.$$

11. Standard errors contained in the following table are designed to provide an average standard error applicable for all monthly labour force survey estimates. Recent analysis of the standard errors for New South Wales applicable to particular survey estimates has shown that the standard errors for estimates of employment are generally equivalent to those shown in the following table, but standard errors for estimates of unemployment and for persons not in the labour force are approximately 6 per cent and 10 per cent (respectively) higher than those shown in the table.

12. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. They may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES AND MONTHLY MOVEMENTS (a), REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Size of estimate (number)	New South Wales; Sydney Statistical Division; and Balance of New South Wales			Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Subdivisions			Southern Sydney Subdivision		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
3,500	890	25.5	820				870	25	700
4,000	950	23.8	870	1,000	25.1	770	930	23	730
4,500	1,000	22	910	1,100	23.7	800	980	22	770
5,000	1,100	21	950	1,100	22	840	1,000	21	800
6,000	1,100	19	1,000	1,200	21	900	1,100	19	860
8,000	1,300	16	1,100	1,400	18	1,000	1,300	16	960
10,000	1,500	15	1,200	1,600	16	1,100	1,500	15	1,100
20,000	2,000	10	1,600	2,300	11	1,500	2,100	10	1,400
50,000	2,900	5.8	2,300	3,600	7.2	2,100	3,300	6.6	2,000
100,000	3,900	3.9	3,000	5,100	5.1	2,700	4,700	4.7	2,600
200,000	5,100	2.5	4,000	7,200	3.6	3,600	6,700	3.3	3,500
300,000	5,900	2.0	4,600	8,800	2.9	4,200	8,200	2.7	4,100
500,000	7,200	1.4	5,700	11,000	2.3	5,200	11,000	2.1	5,000
1,000,000	9,200	0.92	7,400						
2,000,000	12,000	0.58	9,700						
5,000,000	16,000	0.31	14,000						

Size of estimate (number)	South Western Sydney Subdivision			Western Sydney Subdivision			Northern Sydney Subdivision		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative standard error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
2,500				670	26.8	600			
3,000	760	25.5	470	730	24.5	650	750	25	680
3,500	830	23.6	500	790	23	690	810	23	720
4,000	880	22	530	850	21	720	860	22	760
4,500	940	21	560	900	20	760	910	20	800
5,000	990	20	580	950	19	790	960	19	830
6,000	1,100	18	620	1,000	17	850	1,100	18	900
8,000	1,300	16	700	1,200	15	950	1,200	15	1,000
10,000	1,400	14	760	1,300	13	1,000	1,400	14	1,100
20,000	2,000	10	1,000	1,900	9.6	1,400	1,900	9.7	1,400
50,000	3,200	6.3	1,400	3,000	6.1	2,000	3,100	6.2	2,100
100,000	4,500	4.5	1,900	4,300	4.3	2,600	4,400	4.4	2,700
200,000	6,300	3.2	2,500	6,100	3.0	3,400	6,200	3.1	3,600
300,000				7,500	2.5	4,000	7,600	2.5	4,200
500,000				9,700	1.9	4,900	9,800	2.0	5,200

(a) See Technical Note 6 for details on calculating standard errors for quarterly and annual movements.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES AND MONTHLY MOVEMENTS (a), REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES (continued)

Size of estimate (number)	Newcastle Statistical District			Hunter Statistical Division			Wollongong Statistical District		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
2,000							540	27.0	400
2,500							610	24.2	440
3,000							660	22	470
3,500	880	25.2	680	900	25.8	720	720	20	500
4,000	940	23.6	720	970	24.2	750	770	19	530
4,500	1,000	22	750	1,000	23	790	810	18	560
5,000	1,100	21	790	1,100	22	820	860	17	580
6,000	1,200	19	850	1,200	20	890	940	16	620
8,000	1,300	17	950	1,400	17	990	1,100	14	700
10,000	1,500	15	1,000	1,500	15	1,100	1,200	12	760
20,000	2,100	11	1,400	2,200	11	1,400	1,700	8.6	1,000
50,000	3,400	6.7	2,000	3,500	6.9	2,100	2,700	5.5	1,400
100,000	4,800	4.8	2,600	4,900	4.9	2,700	3,900	3.9	1,900
200,000	6,800	3.4	3,400	6,900	3.5	3,600	5,500	2.8	2,500
300,000	8,300	2.8	4,000	8,500	2.8	4,200			
Size of estimate (number)	Illawarra and South-Eastern Statistical Divisions			Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Divisions			Northern, North-Western and Central West Statistical Divisions		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
3,000	740	25	640						
3,500	800	23	680						
4,000	860	22	710	1,000	25.2	750	1,000	25.3	790
4,500	910	20	750	1,100	23.8	790	1,100	23.9	820
5,000	960	19	780	1,100	23	820	1,100	23	860
6,000	1,100	18	840	1,200	21	880	1,200	21	920
8,000	1,200	15	940	1,400	18	990	1,400	18	1,000
10,000	1,400	14	1,000	1,600	16	1,100	1,600	16	1,100
20,000	1,900	9.7	1,400	2,300	11	1,400	2,300	11	1,500
50,000	3,100	6.1	1,900	3,600	7.2	2,000	3,600	7.2	2,100
100,000	4,400	4.4	2,600	5,100	5.1	2,700	5,100	5.1	2,800
200,000	6,200	3.1	3,400	7,200	3.6	3,500	7,300	3.6	3,700
300,000	7,600	2.5	4,000				8,900	3.0	4,400

(a) See Technical Note 6 for details on calculating standard errors for quarterly and annual movements.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES AND MONTHLY MOVEMENTS (a), REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES (continued)

Size of estimate (number)	Murray and Murrumbidgee Statistical Divisions			Central Sydney, Inner Western Sydney and Southern Sydney Subdivisions			Western Sydney and South Western Sydney Subdivisions		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
3,000							780	25.9	700
3,500				920	26.3	810	840	24.0	740
4,000				980	24.6	850	900	22	780
4,500	1,100	25	780	1,000	23	890	950	21	810
5,000	1,200	24	820	1,100	22	920	1,000	20	840
6,000	1,300	22	880	1,200	20	990	1,100	18	900
8,000	1,500	19	980	1,400	17	1,100	1,300	16	1,000
10,000	1,700	17	1,100	1,500	15	1,200	1,400	14	1,100
20,000	2,400	12	1,400	2,200	11	1,500	2,000	9.8	1,400
50,000	3,800	7.5	2,000	3,300	6.7	2,200	3,000	6.1	2,000
100,000	5,300	5.3	2,700	4,600	4.6	2,800	4,200	4.2	2,500
200,000	7,600	3.8	3,500	6,300	3.2	3,600	5,800	2.9	3,300
300,000				7,600	2.5	4,200	6,900	2.3	3,800
500,000				9,600	1.9	5,000	8,700	1.7	4,600
1,000,000				13,000	1.3	6,500	12,000	1.2	5,900
Size of estimate (number)	Northern Sydney and Gosford-Wyong Subdivisions			Hunter, Illawarra, Richmond- Tweed, Mid-North Coast and South-Eastern Statistical Divisions			Northern, North-Western, Central West, Murray and Murrumbidgee Statistical Divisions		
	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)	Standard error of estimate (number)	Relative error (per cent)	Standard error of monthly movement (number)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
3,000				780	25.9	730			
3,500	900	25.6	760	840	24.0	770			
4,000	960	24.0	800	900	22	820	1,000	26.1	870
4,500	1,000	23	840	950	21	850	1,100	24.6	900
5,000	1,100	21	870	1,000	20	890	1,200	23	940
6,000	1,200	20	930	1,100	18	950	1,300	21	1,000
8,000	1,300	17	1,000	1,300	16	1,100	1,500	18	1,100
10,000	1,500	15	1,100	1,400	14	1,100	1,600	16	1,200
20,000	2,100	11	1,500	2,000	9.8	1,500	2,300	11	1,600
50,000	3,300	6.5	2,000	3,000	6.1	2,100	3,500	7.1	2,200
100,000	4,500	4.5	2,600	4,200	4.2	2,700	4,900	4.9	2,800
200,000	6,200	3.1	3,400	5,800	2.9	3,400	6,700	3.4	3,700
300,000	7,400	2.5	3,900	6,900	2.3	4,000	8,100	2.7	4,300
500,000	9,300	1.9	4,700	8,700	1.7	4,800	10,000	2.0	5,100
1,000,000				12,000	1.2	6,200			

(a) See Technical Note 6 for details on calculating standard errors for quarterly and annual movements.

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SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION

CENTRAL SYDNEY AND INNER WESTERN
 SYDNEY SUBDIVISIONS

Central Sydney Subdivision

Leichhardt M.

Marrickville M.

Randwick M.

Sydney M. (City)

Waverley M.

Woolloomooloo M.

Inner Western Sydney Subdivision

Ashfield M.

Burwood M.

Concord M.

Drummoyne M.

Strathfield M.

SOUTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

Bankstown M. (City)

Botany M.

Canterbury M.

Hurstville M.

Kogarah M.

Rockdale M.

Sutherland S.

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

Camden M.

Campbelltown M. (City)

Liverpool M. (City)

Wollondilly S.

WESTERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

Auburn M.

Baulkham Hills S.

Blacktown M. (City)

Blue Mountains M. (City)

Fairfield M. (City)

Hawkesbury S.

Holroyd M.

Parramatta M. (City)

Penrith M. (City)

NORTHERN SYDNEY SUBDIVISION

Hornsby S.

Hunter's Hill M.

Ku-ring-gai M.

Lane Cove M.

Manly M.

Mosman M.

North Sydney M.

Ryde M.

Warringah S.

Willoughby M.

Note: Sydney Statistical Division includes
 Gosford-Wyong Subdivision which comprises
 Gosford M. (City) and Wyong S.

BALANCE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

HUNTER STATISTICAL DIVISION

Newcastle Statistical District

Cessnock M. (City) (part)

Lake Macquarie M. (City)

Maitland M. (City)

Newcastle M. (City)

Port Stephens S.

Balance of Hunter Statistical Division

Cessnock M. (City) (part)

Dungog S.

Gloucester S.

Great Lakes S.

Merriwa S.

Murrurundi S.

Muswellbrook S.

Scone S.

Singleton S.

ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Illawarra Statistical Division

Wollongong Statistical District

Kiama M.

Shellharbour M.

Wollongong M. (City)

Balance of Illawarra Statistical Division

Shoalhaven M. (City)

Wingecarribee S.

South-Eastern Statistical Division

Canberra Statistical District (part in N.S.W.)

Queanbeyan M. (City)

Balance of Southern Tablelands Subdivision

Boorowa S.

Crookwell S.

Goulburn M. (City)

Gunning S.

Harden S.

Mulwaree S.

Tallaganda S.

Yarrowiunia S.

Yass S.

Young S.

Lower South Coast Subdivision

Bega Valley S.

Eurobodalla S.

Snowy Subdivision

Bombala S.

Cooma-Monaro S.

Snowy River S.

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RICHMOND-TWEED AND MID-NORTH COAST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Richmond-Tweed Statistical Division

Gold Coast Statistical District (part in N.S.W.)

Tweed S. (part)

Balance of Richmond-Tweed Statistical Division

Ballina S.

Byron S.

Casino M.

Kyogle S.

Lismore M. (City)

Richmond River S.

Tweed S. (part)

Mid-North Coast Statistical Division

Clarence Subdivision

Bellingen S.

Coffs Harbour S.

Copmanhurst S.

Grafton M. (City)

Maclean S.

Nambucca S.

Nymboida S.

Ulmarra S.

Hastings Subdivision (includes Lord Howe Island)

Hastings M.

Kempsey S.

Taree, Greater M. (City)

NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN AND CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Northern Statistical Division

Tamworth Statistical District

Tamworth M. (City)

Balance of Northern Slopes Subdivision

Barraba S.

Bingara S.

Gunnedah S.

Inverell S. (part)

Manilla S.

Nundle S.

Parry S.

Quirindi S.

Yallaroi S.

Northern Tablelands Subdivision

Armidale M. (City)

Dumaresq S.

Glen Innes M.

Gyra S.

Inverell S. (part)

Severn S.

Tenterfield S.

Uralla S.

Walcha S.

NORTHERN, NORTH-WESTERN AND CENTRAL WEST STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (continued)

Northern Statistical Division (continued)

North Central Plain Subdivision

Moree Plains S.

Narrabri S.

North-Western Statistical Division

Central Macquarie Subdivision

Coolah S.

Coonabarabran S.

Dubbo M. (City)

Gulgandra S.

Mudgee S.

Narromine S.

Wellington S.

Macquarie-Barwon Subdivision

Bogan S.

Coonamble S.

Walgett S.

Warren S.

Upper Darling Subdivision

Bourke S.

Brewarrina S.

Cobar S.

Central West Statistical Division

Bathurst-Orange Statistical District

Bathurst M. (City)

Blayney S. (part)

Cabonne S. (part)

Evans S. (part)

Orange M. (City)

Balance of Central Tablelands

Subdivision

Blayney S. (part)

Cabonne S. (part)

Evans S. (part)

Lithgow, Greater M. (City)

Oberon S.

Rylstone S.

Lachlan Subdivision

Bland S.

Cabonne S. (part)

Cowra S.

Forbes S.

Lachlan S.

Parkes S.

Weddin S.

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MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

Murray Statistical Division

Albury-Wodonga Statistical District (part in
N.S.W.)

Albury M. (City)

Hume S.

Balance of Upper Murray Subdivision

Corowa S.

Culcairn S.

Holbrook S.

Tumbarumba S.

Urana S.

Central Murray Subdivision

Berrigan S.

Conargo S.

Deniliquin M.

Jerilderie S.

Murray S.

Wakool S.

Windouran S.

Murray-Darling Subdivision

Balranald S.

Wentworth S.

MURRAY AND MURRUMBIDGEE STATISTICAL DIVISIONS

(continued)

Murrumbidgee Statistical Division

Wagga Wagga Statistical District

Wagga Wagga M. (City)

Balance of Central Murrumbidgee Subdivision

Cootamundra S.

Cootamundra S.

Gundagai S.

Junee S.

Lockhart S.

Narrandera S.

Temora S.

Tumut S.

Lower Murrumbidgee Subdivision

Carrathool S.

Griffith S.

Hay S.

Leeton S.

Murrumbidgee S.

Note: Balance of New South Wales includes Far West Statistical Division which comprises Broken Hill M. (City), Central Darling S. and the unincorporated area of New South Wales.

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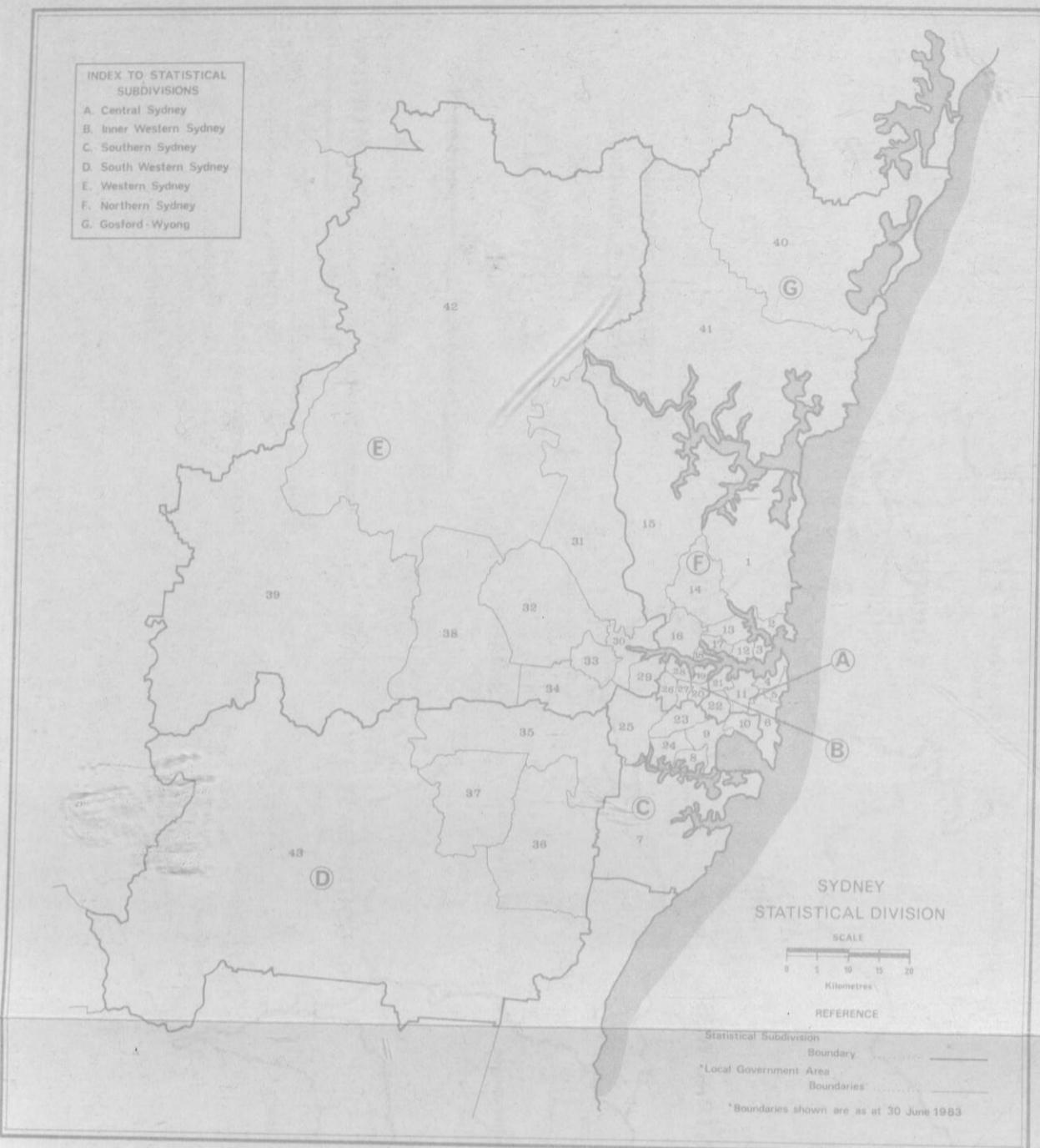
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